

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JANUARY 11, 1943

Transmit the following message to:
LOCAL BOARD NUMBER ONE SIX NAUGHT
SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
FOUR ONE NAUGHT FIVE PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

RE SELECTIVE SERVICE CASE RICHARD B. HOOD. ADVISED REGISTRANT STILL EMPLOYED
THIS BUREAU AS THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION.
DESIRE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL DEFERMENT IN CLASS II B FOR HIM. D.S.S. FORM FORTY
TWO A (REVISED) SUBSTANTIATING THIS REQUEST BEING FORWARDED TO YOU AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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January 18, 1943

Local Board Number 160
Selective Service System
4105 Pacific Highway
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Richard B. Hood, who is duly registered at your Board. You will recall that Mr. Hood was placed in Class III-A due to a dependency and that deferment has also been requested by me in order to show his employment status with this Bureau. I have been recently informed by him that you desire an additional request for deferment in this case.

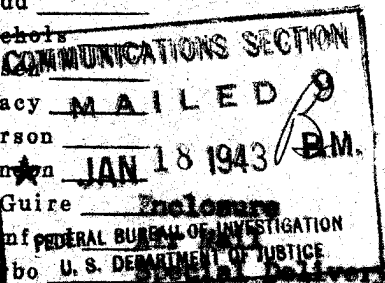
Mr. Hood is still employed by this Bureau and it has been impossible to effect any replacement for him during the deferment period. As you have been previously advised, he has been in this Bureau since September 24, 1934, and is the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Division. In accordance with your request, I am transmitting herewith, D.S.S. Form 42-A (Revised) executed by me under date of January 13, 1943, requesting that he be granted additional occupational deferment. For your further information, in regard to Mr. Hood, he at the present time in his position as Special Agent possesses the highly specialized training and technical knowledge that make it impossible to effect his replacement at this time.

I want you to know that it is my desire to cooperate with your Board in every possible way, and in the event there is any additional information desired by you with regard to this case, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Of course, should there be any change in his occupational status with this Bureau, I shall promptly advise you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Budget Bureau No. 88-R002-02
Approval Expires March 31, 1943

AFFIDAVIT—OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (Industrial)

(Affidavit—Occupational Classification (General), Form 42, is provided for use in activities where the items on this form are not applicable)

Name of registrant RICHARD B. HOOD

Selective Service Order No. _____ Age 34

Local Board 160 San Diego San Diego California
(Number) (County) (City) (State)

Title of present job Special Agent in Charge, Los Angeles Field Division

State whether journeyman, apprentice, helper, certificated, licensed, professional engineer, etc.:

As Special Agent in Charge he is the administrative official Describe duties actually performed in charge of the maintainance and operations of one of our fifty-six investigative field offices. As such he is directly responsible for all investigative matters within the jurisdiction of a field office which for the most part pertain to matters ^(Be specific—include name of machine or machine tool, process, materials, etc.) affecting the internal security of this country. It will be noted that Mr. Hood is presently performing duties in a position which has been designated as critical to the effective functioning of this Bureau by General Hershey of the National Selective Service Headquarters in Local Board Release Number 75, which was issued under date of December 29, 1941. See attachment.

Date employed September 24, 1934 Date entered present job September 24, 1934

Average weekly rate of pay, \$ 6500 annually Average hours worked per week See attachment

Prior work experience _____

Educational background A.B. Degree Dartmouth College. LL.B. Degree University of Pittsburgh.
(Fill out if necessary to establish employee's qualifications for a particular job)

How long will it take you to replace this employee? See attachment

What specific steps have you taken to secure or train a replacement for this registrant? _____

See attachment

AFFIDAVIT—OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (Industrial)—Continued.

Name of company Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice
(Corporation, partnership, individual—if self-employed, so state)

Address of company Washington, D. C.
(Location of plant, office, or division where registrant is employed)

Description of the activities of this company See attachment

State specifically what proportion of your products currently produced are:

(a) for use in the war effort See attachment

(b) for civilian use _____

Is expansion or further conversion contemplated in war production? See attachment

Number employees now See attachment

Number additional needed in next 6 months _____

Number additional needed in next year _____

Explain _____

Is a replacement training program in operation? _____

Contemplated? _____

Explain See attachment

This form was completed at the plant or office of the company located at

Washington, D. C.

and all correspondence relative to this affidavit should be so addressed.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm)

that I am the Director of the above-named company, and that the
(Official position)

foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 1943

(Signature of official administering oath)

(Official designation of official administering oath)

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be filled out by an employer or other person who has knowledge of the registrant's eligibility for Class II deferment as a necessary man in his civilian occupation or activity. *If the registrant is deferred, the employer must notify the Local Board promptly of any change in the registrant's job status, or if his employment is terminated.*

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian government investigative agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to national defense such as espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals, sedition, treason, and the like, and further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. This Bureau has also been designated by Congress as the agency officially responsible for the tabulation and dissemination of police statistics for the entire country. Under an act of Congress these statistics are gathered and are distributed to thousands of interested police and affiliated agencies every six months so that trends in crime, crime records, and crime control can be known to those to whom it is of most interest. Further than this, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the agency having jurisdiction over the classification and maintenance of fingerprint records not only on a national basis but on an international basis. The greatest depository of fingerprint records in the world is maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. We have over fifty-eight million sets of fingerprints on hand today and are receiving fingerprint records at a rate of approximately 115,000 each day. The military and naval authorities have issued orders that all employees of manufacturing plants operating under contracts with the War Department or Navy Department must be fingerprinted and their fingerprints sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for search against our existing files. Obviously the purpose of such an order is to ascertain the criminal background, if any, of persons who are occupying positions where they have access to confidential information and to eliminate from such positions those persons whose records indicate that their interests are not those of our government.

We are also receiving fingerprint records of all persons enlisting or being inducted into the army and other military and naval services. All employees of the Federal government are fingerprinted and their fingerprints searched through our files for prior criminal records, again for the purpose of guarding against the employment of persons in the Federal government whose backgrounds indicate that they might not function to the best interests of our government. We are receiving thousands of criminal fingerprints from all police agencies throughout the country and it is essential that these fingerprints be handled promptly and the contributing agency advised of any prior record so that justice may be intelligently administered. By means of this procedure the Federal Bureau of Investigation is able to identify thousands of fugitives from justice each year who otherwise might not be identified by local police agencies who do not have the benefit of prior criminal records as reflected on fingerprint cards which were made at the time of some previous arrest. Many such persons are wanted for a previous criminal act by some other law enforcement agency and are presently attempting to disguise their true identity through assuming a fictitious name. This ruse on their part is penetrated through the science of fingerprinting and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is enabled to advise the interested local law enforcement agency of the true identity of the individual and he can be held for appropriate prosecutive action, whereas if not identified, he quite possibly would have been released to continue his depredations against society.

Our criminological laboratory handles the scientific examination of evidence in cases investigated by the Federal and local law enforcement agencies. A very high percentage of the work presently being performed by the Technical Laboratory is in connection with the national war effort. Evidence collected in suspected sabotage cases is examined by the scientists in our laboratory who are qualified to handle examinations of almost any technical nature. The personnel in the Technical

Laboratory have been trained through education and experience to handle such subjects as analytical chemistry, qualitative and quantitative analysis, ballistics tests, microanalysis examinations, spectrographic examinations, cryptograph and cryptanalysis work, and many other highly technical examinations.

The Files Section of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contains files on hundreds of thousands of individuals whose activities are of the greatest importance to the country today. It is highly important that we maintain in the Files Section a nucleus of experienced personnel so that the information contained therein can be made readily available to the supervisory personnel of this Bureau and also be made available to other governmental agencies such as the State Department, Military Intelligence Division, Office of Naval Intelligence, and the Immigration and Naturalization service. It is most essential that only the most trusted employees be assigned to this work because of the highly confidential material that is contained in our files.

All of the functions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are so closely inter-related that it is essential that qualified and experienced personnel be available not only to perform their own work but to train new employees. The Congress of the United States has passed several bills within the past year approving an increase in the personnel. When it is considered that the work of this Bureau is highly confidential it can be appreciated that the selection of personnel must be made with great care. It has been our experience that only one employee is obtained from every one hundred persons who have applied. It is necessary that each employee be investigated thoroughly so that there will be no possibility of having a person in our service who is not loyal to the United States. We have found that it is extremely difficult to secure qualified persons for almost any of the positions that are available. At the present time we have approximately 1,500 employees less than the number that has been authorized by Congress. Every effort is being made to obtain these additional employees as they are badly needed in order for us to properly carry on the work that has been assigned to us. We are endeavoring to obtain these additional persons without interfering in any way with the administration of the Selective Training and Service Act. In all positions where possible we are utilizing the services of female employees. With the exception of Special Agents' and Laboratory Scientists' positions, no appointment of male employees who may be eligible for military service are being made. It is absolutely necessary, however, that our experienced personnel be maintained so that the new personnel can be adequately supervised and trained.

All employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been working at top speed to keep abreast of our duties. The regular work week has been extended to 48 hours, and it has been our experience in the past that an additional amount of overtime will be voluntarily performed by the employees of this Bureau in an effort to properly and expeditiously handle the tremendous volume of important work being referred to us in connection with the war effort. Obviously very little consideration can be given to replacing an experienced employee until such time as we are able to build up our present staff to the number authorized and needed.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are given twelve weeks of training which embraces 536 hours of study. During that period of time they are trained not only in investigative techniques and procedures, but are qualified in the handling of firearms, mechanical devices, and technical devices in use by the Bureau. After entering the Field service which follows their training period, their skill of course increases with their length of service in the Field. It would

obviously, therefore, be impossible to adequately replace an experienced Special Agent until the replacement had been in the service an equal length of time.

The science of the classification of fingerprints is one of the most exacting in the world today. Employees in law enforcement organizations handling fingerprint activities are of a profession which demands the utmost skill and honesty in the practice of that profession. In the Federal Bureau of Investigation we train Fingerprint Technicians through classroom and practical study for a period of approximately six months. At the end of that time those employees are qualified to examine sets of fingerprints and to identify like sets. This science cannot be taught overnight and the loss of a fingerprint man at any stage of his training or employment is a severe blow to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at this time when we are receiving thousands of sets of prints from all of the coordinated activities of the Government and from local law enforcement agencies.

The Laboratory Scientists of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all graduate scientists, are thoroughly schooled in the science of criminology and today are performing duties pertaining to the successful war effort one hundred percent of their time. Their training in this field, embracing all sciences of laboratory examination which includes cryptography, chemistry, ballistics, geology, serology, and many others, has been invaluable in the solving of espionage, sabotage, and other subversive activities. It is essential that these scientists many times perform their scientific work in the field under such conditions that they could not be replaced with employees not possessing their physical attributes.

Bureau employees in positions aforementioned and for whom deferments are requested possess technical and scientific skills which renders them irreplaceable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at this time.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January 1943

Notary Public

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Prepared by *[Signature]*
Checked by *[Signature]*
Filed *[Signature]*

Mr.
Miss
Mrs.

Date

Mr. Richard B. Hood

January 19, 1943

New appointment ☐

Transfer ☐

Promotion ☐

Separation ☐

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PRESENT STATUS

1. Title:

Special Agent

2. Grade:

3. Salary:

\$6500 per annum

4. Seat of Government:

Field:

CAF 14

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5. Division:

6. Appropriation:

**"Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
(National Defense)**

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title:

Special Agent

8. Grade:

9. Salary:

\$6750 per annum

10. Seat of Government:

Field:

CAF 14

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11. Division:

12. Appropriation:

**"Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
(National Defense)**

13. Effective:

February 1, 1943

14. Position:

Additional:

Vice:

Identical:

15. Remarks:

This meritorious promotion is recommended because of the outstanding work performed by this Special Agent in securing valuable material in connection with certain espionage, sabotage and national defense cases.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Tolson
CC: Chief, Audit Section
Mr. E. A. Tamm
CCO-Selective Service

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Kramer
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California

January 23, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Dear Sir:

According to information received from Local Board 160, 4105 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California, I have been placed in II-B classification until July 21, 1943.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB

1943
[Signature]
R.C.B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge



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File
[Signature]

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January 26, 1943

Mr.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of
Mr. Clegg \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any
Mr. Glavin participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause
Mr. Ladd except self-destruction, while employed as a Special Agent. Pay-
Mr. Nichols ment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent
Mr. Rosen has been a member of the fund for two years.

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Kramer

Mr. McGuire

Mr. Harbo

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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JAN 27 1943 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOT RECORDED

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to September 4, 1942, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Nilan F. Hood Address To Field office where assigned.
Relationship Wife Dated 9-10-42

Very truly yours,

L. A. 97

Richard B. Hood
Special Agent



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 19, 1943

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

MEMORANDUM

At the instructions of Mr. Tolson the following promotions in salary shall be made:

<u>Name and Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>To</u>
SAC Bryce, El Paso Office	CAF-13, \$5600	CAF-13, \$5800	
SAC Brantley, Kansas City Office	CAF-14, \$6500	CAF-14, \$6750	
SAC Hood, Los Angeles Office	CAF-14, \$6500	CAF-14, \$6750	
Asst. SAC Vincent, Los Angeles	CAF-13, \$5600	CAF-13, \$5800	
SAC Acres, San Antonio, Under Transfer Washington, Training Division	CAF-13, \$5600	CAF-13, \$5800	
SAC Pieper, San Francisco Office	CAF-14, \$6500	CAF-14, \$6750	
Asst. SAC Van Pelt, San Francisco	CAF-13, \$5600	CAF-13, \$5800	
SAC Fletcher, Seattle Office	CAF-14, \$6500	CAF-14, \$6750	

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W. R. Glavin

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE



Local Board No 160	91
San Diego County	073
JAN 21 1943 160	
4105 Pacific Highway San Diego, California	
(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)	

Jan. 21, 1943
(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Richard
(First name)

Byrnes
(Middle name)

Hood
(Last name)

Order No. 1499 has been classified in Class II-B

Until 7/21/43, 19
(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)by ☒ Local Board.☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).☐ President.

Appeal from classification by local board must be made by signing appeal form on back of questionnaire at office of local board, or by filing written notice of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of notice to registrant.

If you believe that it is in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice that further consideration be given to the registrant's case after classification by the board of appeal, consult the Selective Service Regulations, the Government appeal agent, the occupational advisor, or the State Director of Selective Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 19, 1943

Mr. Richard B. Hood,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Hood:

Under the provisions of the Act approved August 1, 1941, your salary as Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, is hereby increased from \$6500 per annum to \$6750 per annum in Grade CAF-14, effective February 1, 1943, payable from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation (National Defense)," FIELD.

Respectfully,

Francis Biddle

Attorney General.

By the Attorney General:

(signed) James Rowe, Jr.

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

This meritorious promotion is recommended because of the outstanding work performed by this Special Agent in securing valuable material in connection with certain espionage, sabotage and national defense cases.

*File
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January 30, 1943

WTK:EB

Miss Enlah M. Holt
Local Board Number 160
Selective Service System
4105 Pacific Highway
San Diego, California

Dear Miss Holt:

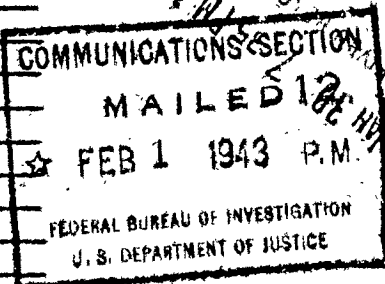
I am in receipt of your communication of January 21, 1943, wherein you advised that Mr. Richard B. Hood, has been granted deferment in Class II-B until July 21, 1943.

I desire at this time to express my appreciation for your courtesy in advising me of the action of your Board in this matter, and you may be assured that in the event there is any change in his occupational status, I will promptly advise you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



February 4, 1943

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing a letter from the Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$6500 per annum to \$6750 per annum in Grade CAF 14, effective February 1, 1943.

I was happy to recommend this promotion because of the excellent manner in which you have performed your duties during this critical war period.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

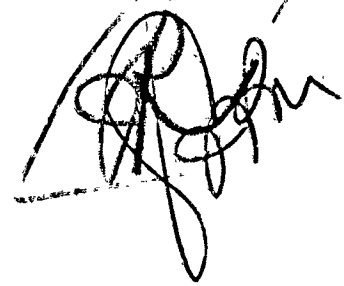
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California
February 10, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

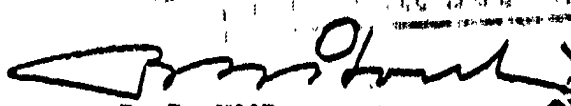
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I do want to thank you for your letter of February 4, 1943, advising me of a raise in salary. It is indeed gratifying to receive this recognition and your thoughtfulness is most appreciated.

Every effort will be made to continue my work to your satisfaction.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,


R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge



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DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

February 27, 1943

REC:CP

Local Board Number 160
Selective Service System
4105 Pacific Highway
San Diego, California

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Richard D. Hood, who is employed in this Bureau as the Special Agent in charge of the Los Angeles Field Division, and who is duly registered at your Board. You will recall that deferment has been requested for him and as a result thereof, he has been placed in a deferred status.

In accordance with the Selective Service regulations, I desire to advise you that Mr. Hood, in view of his increased experience and length of service, has now been promoted to the salary of \$6750 per annum. This information is being furnished to you in order that you will, at all times, have a complete set of facts with regard to this case.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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FEB 27 1943 P.M.

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March 18, 1943

PERSONAL

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

I wanted to write you this personal note to tell you how pleased I was with the program you arranged for Colonel Hector Salgado on his visit to Los Angeles. He spoke very highly of you and the impressions he gathered were certainly to your credit.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

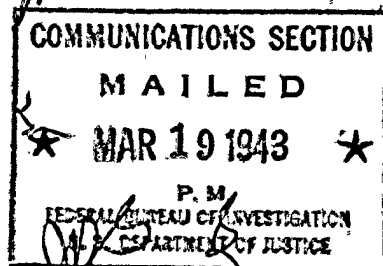
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
February 26, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: PERSONAL HISTORY INFORMATION
Requested by Committee on Appropriations
of the Senate of the United States

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau communication of February 18, 1943, requesting that the forms pertaining to the above-captioned matter be executed by certain Special Agents named, and returned to the Bureau immediately.

These forms have been executed by the following individuals and are being enclosed:

✓ Bright, Marcus M., Jr.	✓ Stuckey, Gilbert B.
✓ Canny, John J.	✓ Vincent, John W.
✓ Cook, Harold C.	✓ Williams, Raymond H.
✓ Ellsworth, James C.	
✓ Findlay, James G.	✓ Daley, James E.
✓ Hood, Richard B.	✓ Earl, Grant C.
✓ Horgan, John J.	✓ Hair, Erwin P.
✓ Horgan, Patrick D.	✓ Mulherin, Thomas M.
✓ Kellogg, Ira J.	✓ Myerson, Murray B.
✓ Magge, David W.	✓ Roche, John H.
✓ O'Connor, Daniel L., Jr.	✓ Sloane, James C.
✓ Sorola, Manuel	✓ Turner, Harold P.

Special Agent WALTER M. BOTT, whose name was also included on the list, advises he executed a form while in Washington recently for in-service training.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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March 20, 1943

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
700 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I am becoming most concerned over the fact that you have failed in an ever increasing number of instances to acknowledge or comply with instructions contained in my letters and teletypes to you. Since no organization, most certainly one engaged in counter-intelligence and law enforcement, can operate with any degree of efficiency without correlated supervision, I cannot help but fear the Bureau's high standard of efficiency will come to an end if this trend is permitted to continue.

As you have no doubt noted in recent months, it has been necessary for me and those who assist me here at the Seat of Government to leave more and more to your discretion the following of the individual cases in your division. This has, of course, been due to the tremendous increase in the demands made upon the Bureau because of the war. At the present time and for some months past I have not directed to you any so-called routine follow-ups. Only in those instances in which the White House or some other executive branch of the government with responsibilities for the proper conduct of the war has a special interest or in which I have a special interest because of some well founded reasons, do I write to you or follow you otherwise to expedite your handling or to request information or other out-of-the-ordinary action.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

I know you share my pride in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and all those things with which it is synonymous or you would not have attained the position you now hold. This trend of which I speak which you have permitted to develop in your office is in my opinion an insidious thing which, if not stopped may undermine the very foundation of our success.

I have called to your attention in the past various specific derelictions and have found you to have profited as a result. I therefore know I shall not have to take occasion to speak to you again about ignoring my instructions and failing to acknowledge my communications.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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EMPLOYEES YOUR OFFICE: W.E. DITTSWEILER, JR., H.R. VAN BRUNT, H. D. ALLISON,
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J. M. HUSLAN, E. J. VAN LOON, JR., D. HOOD, J. J. HAYES, JR., R. W. WALDMAN,
C. W. KIRSCHER, JR., C. B. KIDDERBACH, JR., R. K. ZERBST, O. L. DAY, S. FLATA,
C. M. DUNCAN, O. L. BURGE, T. E. ELAINE, R. H. LOAN, M. E. HASKINE, JR.,
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H. D. ~~V~~ALLISON, APRIL THREE, FORTY ONE

J. D. ~~V~~LOGAN, JANUARY THIRTY ONE, FORTY TWO

A. M. ~~S~~SMITH, OCTOBER TWENTY FOUR, FORTY ONE

A. H. ~~S~~SMITH, NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE, FORTY ONE

R. E. ~~S~~SCHOENECKER, MAY TWENTY THREE, FORTY TWO

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C. W. ~~K~~REAGER, JR., RETRAINING AND LEAVE

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March 30, 1943

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau has given careful consideration to the suggestion contained in your letter of January 25, 1943, which was submitted by Special Agent Alfonse F. Wells with reference to the handling of "technical" violations of the Selective Service Act. Mr. Wells has suggested that considerable time might be saved if these technical violation cases were closed administratively by memoranda in the field office. He has pointed out that frequently it has been necessary to submit a report indicating the delinquency of a subject, the physical description, the steps taken to locate subject, including the mailing of form letters. A copy of this report is sent to the Bureau requiring the opening of a case file and another copy is transmitted to the United States Attorney.

The suggestion submitted by Special Agent Wells is a thoughtful one and the Bureau believes that to a certain extent the objectives of the suggestion have been reached by the issuance of instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 14, Second Series 1943, March 17, 1943. You will observe by reference to Section D of this Bulletin that a new policy has been established with respect to the submission of Selective Service Act reports. It provides that in the future only the office of origin shall submit reports and the office of origin shall submit but one report, this being the closing report. These instructions should to a large degree satisfy the requirements of Special Agent Wells' suggestion.

Mr. Tolson In addition, it will be noted by reference to Section D of the
Mr. E. A. Tamm Bureau Bulletin, it will be satisfactory to close various types of
Mr. Clegg investigations, including Selective Service matters, by memoranda whenever
Mr. Coffey following four conditions exist:

Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd where the investigation is included in the initial opening and closing

Mr. Nichols investigative COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy where no process was issued. E D 13

Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon

Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford

Mr. Harbo
Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

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3. Where the inquiry did not originate on the basis of a case from the Bureau or from another governmental agency in the field directly to the field office.
4. Where the information developed was negative and no special reason exists for advising the Bureau.

In these cases, the Bureau Bulletin has pointed out that it will be sufficient for the Special Agent to prepare a brief memorandum for the file reflecting certain specified information.

The Bureau has considered carefully the entire problem of the submission of reports in Selective Service and other matters and as a result of the consideration given to this problem, the instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 14 have been promulgated.

Please express to Special Agent Wells my appreciation for his very fine suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Los Angeles, California
January 25, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: SELECTIVE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

The following observations and suggestions are being made in an effort to expedite the handling of Selective Service cases, both in the field and at the Seat of Government.

In so-called "technical" violations, where the subject is located and the delinquency corrected before any actual investigation is undertaken, or where the subject is located through the use of form letters, considerable typing and filing can be eliminated by closing these cases by memorandums. Specific reference is made to cases where the report of delinquency is received from the United States Attorney and the delinquency subsequently corrected, presently necessitating the writing of an investigative report setting forth the delinquency, the physical description and steps taken to locate the subject, namely, the mailing of form letters. This report is then sent to the Bureau and necessitates the opening of a separate case file at the Bureau. A copy of this report is also transmitted to the United States Attorney.

If authority could be obtained to close these cases by memorandums, a short memorandum would be prepared setting forth the correction of the delinquency, which memorandum would be less than one typewritten page. A copy of this memorandum could be sent to the United States Attorney for the completion of his file. At the end of the month, the Bureau would be advised by letter or by notation on the regular monthly administrative report, as to the number of cases closed in this manner. This communication would set forth the number of the various violations, so that proper statistics can be maintained at the Bureau. As an alternative, a copy of the above-referred to memorandum can be transmitted to the Bureau and filed in a general file at the Bureau.

At present, considerable Agents' and Stenographers' time is utilized in dictating and preparing this type of report, which is almost a form report. At least 100 such cases are being handled by the Los Angeles Field Division per month. Although a separate case file would have to be opened by the Field Office, because of the initial receipt of notice from the United States Attorney, together with background information furnished by the Board, a case file would not have to be opened at the Bureau.

Of course, where investigation is conducted, or where unusual circumstances take place which would necessitate the writing of an investigative report, a report would be submitted. Also, reports

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January 25, 1943

RE: SELECTIVE SERVICE

would be submitted in cases where previous correspondence was had with the Bureau prior to the time the subject corrected his delinquency.

The above suggestion was made by Special Agent ALFONSE F. WELLS of this office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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April 17, 1943

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

While attending the In-Service training course at the
Seat of Government from March 29 to April 11, 1943, you attained
the following grades:

Hip Shooting	90
Practical Pistol Course	92
Shotgun	100
.30 Rifle	79
Machine Gun	95

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E.A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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April 29, 1943

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Tolson Dear Sir:

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of
Mr. Coffey \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any
Mr. Glavin participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause
Mr. Ladd except self-destruction, while employed as a Special Agent. Pay-
Mr. Nichols ment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent
Mr. Rosen has been a member of the fund for two years.

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Harbo

Mr. Hendon

Mr. McGuire

Mr. Mumford

Mr. Piper

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

Sincerely yours,

E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to January 15, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name HILDA F. HOOD Address C/o Los Angeles Field Office
Relationship Wife Dated February 9, 1943

Very truly yours,

Ackn. -

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Richard B. Hood
Special Agent
Los Angeles

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
April 19, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE
March 29 to April 11, 1943
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE - R. B. HOOD
EOD - 9-24-34
GRADE - CAF 14
SALARY - \$6750
ASSIGNED TO - Los Angeles

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Piper
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Miss Gandy

This Special Agent in Charge attended the In-Service Training Course as indicated above, during which period he was not afforded a physical examination.

This Special Agent in Charge attained the following grades:

Hip Shooting	90
Practical Pistol Course	92
Shotgun	100
.30 Rifle	79
Machine Gun	95

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REMARKS: Interview Official - Mr. L. A. Hince

"SAC Hood makes an excellent personal appearance, is alert, intelligent and generally gives a first-class impression. He looks like a successful young business executive. I think he creditably represents the Bureau. Status - Excellent."

Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Quantico, Virginia

April 10, 1943

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
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Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

RE: R. B. HOOD, SAC
Firearms Training

While at Quantico, Virginia with In-Service Class #13, SAC HOOD demonstrated his ability to handle Bureau firearms and conduct firearms training, which he did in a very creditable manner.

He is well qualified to conduct field office firearms training.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Sloan
H. L. SLOAN

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April 23, 1943

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 7, 1943, requesting a letter be directed to Mr. Jack L. Warner, Vice President of Warner Brothers Studios, expressing appreciation for assistance rendered in photographic training to certain Special Agents. You requested in this letter that individual letters be sent also to certain individuals who assisted in this work including Blayne Matthews who is presently connected with Warner Brothers Studios in Burbank, California.

I wish to call your attention to Bureau letter of June 19, 1940, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Office outlining certain facts concerning Blayne Matthews. In this letter it was pointed out that his resignation was requested by the Bureau and became effective on April 24, 1928. From the information contained in Bureau letter of June 19, 1940, it will be apparent to you that you should be discreet and circumspect in any contacts with Matthews, and certainly should not recommend that the Bureau write him personally a letter of commendation, nor should you suggest that the Bureau write any official of his company commending him for his assistance or work which he has done.

Mr. Tolson

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Very truly yours, 35038-233

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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May 14, 1943

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

With reference to your teletype of December 26, 1942, concerning the advisability of circularizing banks for the purpose of determining the identity, if possible, of individuals who use gold certificates or old-styled U. S. currency, I wanted you to know that this matter has received very careful consideration at the Seat of Government.

Several conferences have been held with the Secretary to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The matter was accepted by that Agency in a spirit of sincere cooperation. It was pointed out that in order to make this program effective it would be necessary to circularize 7000 member banks and to instruct the tellers of these banks to be on the alert to report any unusual currency which might be received by the bank. It would also be necessary to have officials of the member banks contact officials of the banks which are not members of the Federal Reserve System and obtain similar cooperation from them.

It was pointed out that an unknown amount of out-moded money is still in circulation and many deposits of this nature are received from large department stores or other agencies through which it would be almost impossible to make any logical check to determine the original source.

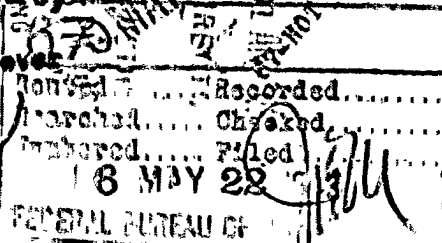
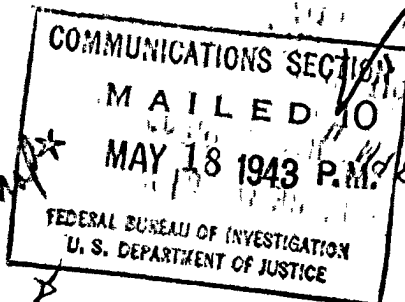
It has, therefore, been decided that while it is felt that there is definite merit to your suggestion, the advantages to be gained would not warrant the institution of such a cumbersome program.

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Your interest and thoughtfulness in making this suggestion are much appreciated and I trust you will understand the reasons why your suggestion has not been adopted.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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June 5, 1943

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

My attention has been called to the outstanding manner in which a most important assignment was carried out by your office.

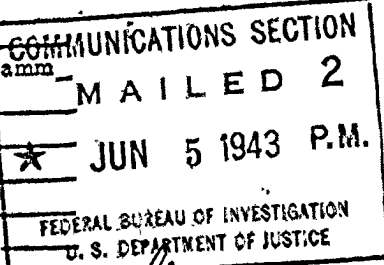
I do want to personally commend you for the splendid way this matter was handled and to express my sincere appreciation through you to all the Agents who ably assisted in making this investigation so successful. Such loyalty and devotion to duty as was evidenced in this assignment is indeed most gratifying and justifies my pride in the Agent personnel of this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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July 17, 1943

Local Board Number 160
 Selective Service System
 4105 Pacific Highway
 San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Richard B. Hood, who is registered at your Board as Order Number 1499. You will recall that as a result of my previous request for occupational deferment, he has been placed in Class II-B until July 21, 1943.

In accordance with Section III of Executive Order 9309, the Review Committee on Deferment of Government Employees of the War Manpower Commission has advised the Agency Committee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that it has approved the position which this registrant holds as one of the key positions in this Bureau. Accordingly, the Agency Committee requests occupational deferment for Mr. Hood. In connection with this matter, I am transmitting herewith D.S.S. Form 42-A (Revised) which has been executed by me under date of July 14, 1943.

Under the provisions of Executive Order 9309, Section II, Paragraphs 2 and 3, the Chairman of the War Manpower Commission has approved a Regional Committee for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This request for occupational deferment made by this Bureau has been reviewed and approved by the Agency Committee in question.

Mr. Tolson

Mr. E. A. Tamm

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Miss Gandy

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and should there be any additional information you may desire with regard to this case, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I shall keep you promptly advised of any change in the occupational status of this registrant.

Enclosure

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War Manpower Commission

CC- SAC, Los Angeles

CC- SAC, San Diego

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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Special Agent in Charge, Los Angeles Field Division.

As Special Agent in Charge he is the administrative official in charge of the maintenance and operations of one of our fifty-six investigative field offices. As such he is directly responsible for all investigative matters within the jurisdiction of a field office which for the most part pertain to matters affecting the internal security of this country. He is qualified to handle the most complicated investigations in the Field.

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Chairman

SPECIAL AGENTS

This position has been designated as a key position by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian government investigative agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to national defense such as espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals, sedition, treason, and the like, and further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The investigative work in connection with the above violations is performed by the Special Agent personnel of this Bureau, who are recruited from applicants between the ages of twenty-three and forty. They must be graduates of a law school or an accounting school with the necessary accounting experience, or graduates of a university with extensive investigative experience, or with linguistic qualifications, or have basic educational training and possess satisfactory prior law enforcement experience which will enable them to satisfactorily perform the duties imposed upon them. For certain of the scientific investigative work, Special Agents are secured who primarily are qualified in the sciences, such as ballistics, chemical analysis, spectography, cryptography, mineralogy, metallography, toxicology, and other like sciences. Applicants for appointment to the position of Special Agent must meet the physical standards and requirements for this position, which are exceedingly high. They must have vision of no less than 20/40 in one eye, 20/50 uncorrected, both eyes to be corrected to 20/20. They must have no color deficiency whatever.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation undergo a rigorous training program. All newly appointed Special Agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation attend training classes for a period of sixteen weeks; the hours of training are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, which course of study is equivalent to two full years of college study. During this period of training, they are thoroughly instructed in the basic rules and regulations and jurisdictions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They must satisfactorily pass numerous written examinations during their period of training. If a trainee fails to pass any of these examinations, he is dropped from the school.

The duties of a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are most arduous. They must be available at a moment's notice to go to any part of the United States or to any assignment outside the United States. The hours of duty for these employees are such that they must be in excellent physical health. The average work week for a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is no less than seventy hours. The work of a Special Agent, regardless of his particular qualification, is such that he cannot lead a sedentary or well regulated life. Due to the small number of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation presently handling the work under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation within and without the continental United States, it is necessary that the entire staff be highly mobile.

Special Agents are required to be able to conduct investigations in more than 100 types of cases, including espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, frauds against the government, kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, White Slave

Traffic Act, etc. They are trained in and required to maintain constant skill in the use of highly technical equipment, technical processes, such as those necessary for the development of latent fingerprints, concealed or obliterated numbers upon firearms, to understand the use of code messages, to conduct physical surveillances of subjects of espionage and similar cases, sometimes for periods of many months, and when necessary, to assume a necessary character to enable them to fit in an undercover capacity into the activities and operations of groups such as foreign agents, who are engaged in thwarting the war effort.

The arduousness and importance of the work of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was readily recognized by the military and naval leaders. The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, for the Secretary of the Navy, requested Special Agent employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to submit their resignations from reserve commissions held by them in the naval services because it had been determined that those Special Agents could better serve their country in their present assignments than if they were to be called into active naval service. The Secretary of War, in 1942, addressed personal communications to 168 Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who at that time held reserve commissions in the Army. The Secretary of War at that time advised the Special Agents that their employment in the FBI is of such vital importance to the national defense as to necessitate their remaining at their posts of duty despite the fact that they held reserve commissions in the United States Army, and the request was made that these Agents, through the proper channels, submit their resignations from their commissions.

General Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service System pointed out in his Directive to all Local Boards of December 29, 1941, that Special Agent positions of the FBI were most important and essential to the national health, safety, and interests, and that the national defense functions of the FBI should not be impaired by the removal of trained personnel from critical positions in the Bureau.

The position of Special Agent has always been considered the most critical of all positions in the FBI, since, with the tremendous bulk of work placed upon us due to the war emergency, it is essential that a trained qualified staff be available for the handling of this work. If the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot continue to retain its personnel in this critical position, aid and comfort would most certainly be given to the enemy and others whose interests are inimical to the best interests of the country today. Up to the present time the full complement of Special Agent personnel has not been secured and every effort is being made to secure the necessary additional Special Agent personnel.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July 1943

Notary Public

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 7, 1943

SAC

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE - FORTH WARTIME CONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC
COAST INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

I attended the above conference at Sacramento, California, on June 1 and 2, 1943. There were approximately eight-nine members registered and it was a very successful two-day convention.

The high lights of the meeting on the first day were a talk by Governor Earl Warren of California who spoke for approximately thirty minutes and spent the rest of the morning at the meeting. He was quite friendly and desired to be remembered to you.

A very good address was made on the first morning by R. L. Maitland, K. C., Attorney General for the Province of British Columbia. Committees were appointed and Mr. Nathan was appointed Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and a resolution was introduced relative to you and the Bureau. SAC Bryce was appointed on the Nominations Committee. In the afternoon there was a short talk by E. Raymond Cato, Chief of the California Highway Patrol, who had to leave that afternoon to go to San Francisco because we understood there was a meeting of Traffic Engineers and Officers called by the War Department at San Francisco for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday which interfered considerably with our convention at Sacramento.

In the afternoon, Mr. Nathan made an excellent talk on Sabotage which was very interesting and well delivered. I talked on Juvenile Delinquency and I stole the front page on June 2nd because Juvenile Delinquency seemed to take with the newspapers.

SAC Bryce also talked on the afternoon and his talk was very interesting, instructive and well delivered. We had a banquet at 7 P.M. on June 1st and at the banquet at about 9 P.M., your telegram to the President, T.W.S. Parsons, was received. He was overjoyed at receiving it and particularly at the time and place, and he immediately got to his feet and read the telegram to the people assembled at the banquet.

Mr. Maitland, the Attorney General, also asked me to thank you, for him, for sending the telegram. Mr. Maitland was likewise the principal speaker at the banquet and when he arose to talk he quoted portions from your telegram to the audience and emphasized their importance.

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Memo for the Director

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On the morning of June 2nd, SAC Pieper of the San Francisco Office delivered a very good address on Japanese Activities which was well received by all. He was followed by SAC Kramer who, I feel, delivered a very able address on Alien Enemy Control on the West Coast. SAC Hood spoke in the afternoon and his address was very well received. In other words, with the exception of the Governor of the State and the Attorney General of British Columbia, the Bureau stole the show but everyone was pleased because whatever was put out by the various Agents in Charge was based upon facts, was very well delivered by them and well received by the audience.

Chief of Police Reed Vetterli of Salt Lake City failed to appear at the convention.

H. H. Wootton, Superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation at Salt Lake City, Utah, was elected First Vice President.

Martin T. Pratt, Sheriff, Multnomah County, Portland, Oregon, was elected Second Vice President.

E. Raymond Cato, Chief of the California Highway Patrol, Sacramento, was elected Third Vice President.

Shirley B. Marsh, Assistant Attorney General, State of Washington, Olympia, Washington, was elected Fourth Vice President.

W. P. Hendry, Chief of Police, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Silver City, California, was elected Fifth Vice President.

Carl C. Donough, United States Attorney, Portland, Oregon, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Otis R. Bohn, Chief Special Agent, California Packing Corporation, San Francisco, California, was elected Sergeant at Arms.

I am attaching hereto a program of the meeting.

Respectfully,

/s/ J. S. Egan

J. S. EGAN

REPORT OF REGULAR () INTERIM ()
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EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols		
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As of 3-31-43 based on performance during period from 4-1-42 to 3-31-43

Richard B. Hood SAC FBI
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

Los Angeles
(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit) (Field office)

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All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Excellent	1		E	38
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good	2 or 3			
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements overcompensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good	4, 5, or 6			
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair	7 or 8			
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory	9			

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (See back of form)
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LOS ANGELES
September 20
1943

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E.A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Acers	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Handwritten: R. B. Hood

It was our pleasure to have Mr. Richard Hood, special agent in charge of the F. B. I. in this territory, as our honored guest at the regular luncheon of the Jonathan Club's Army and Navy Group.

This group consists of approximately fifty of the very highest ranking military officers in this sector plus State and local officials. In any group of this type you will find many sterling characters, but when Mr. Hood was called upon to say a few words one could not help recalling the phrase "Hand-picked men of the F. B. I." I feel I can truthfully speak for everyone in the Army and Navy Group that having a man like Mr. Hood in charge of the F. B. I. in this vital war area gives us a very sincere feeling that our security against trickeries by subversive activities is definitely safe in his hands.

Hoping this expression of our appreciation in your placing a man of Mr. Hood's ability in our midst will be of interest to you I remain,

Yours truly,

JONATHAN CLUB

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 4, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

RE: R. B. HOOD, SAC
Lester E. Barrett, SA
Los Angeles Field Division

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Starke	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

SUMMARY OF DELINQUENCY

The June 7, 1943, issue of Variety Magazine contained a statement that the picture "Roger Touhy, Last of the Gangsters" had come "closest to a factual documentary on the hunt and kill of notorious gangsters of any of the many such films made during the long cycle of brigand films," and this statement indicated that Special Agents of the FBI had reviewed the film and made that comment. When this piece of publicity came to the Bureau's attention, the Bureau requested SAC Hood to ascertain whether any of the Agents assigned to his office had reviewed the film and made any comment.

On the basis of a report by SAC Hood to the effect that none of his Agents had seen the film, the Bureau sent a letter to Arthur Ungar, Editor of the Variety Magazine, on June 25, 1943, stating that no representative of the FBI had seen the film and the Bureau did not approve the script. A copy of this letter, together with a similar letter, was likewise sent to the 20th Century-Fox Corporation. Subsequently, Colonel Jason Joy, Director of Public Relations of the 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation, visited Assistant Director Nichols at the Seat of Government and advised him that one William S. Bishop, known as "oc," who has offices at the studio, had definitely stated that two FBI Agents from the Los Angeles Field Division had contacted him on a Selective Service matter at the studios and after the interview had consented to review the last two or three reels of the above-named picture so that actually that part of the statement in Variety that FBI Agents had seen the film was true.

The Bureau instructed SAC Hood to verify this allegation and ascertain the identities of the two Agents. SAC Hood advised that the Agents were John T. Binkley, Jr., and Lester Eugene Barrett, both of whom admitted that they had reviewed the last two or three reels of the Roger Touhy picture. Agent Binkley stated that after seeing the film he was asked by Bryan Foy, Director of the picture, what he thought of it and that he replied he thought the picture very realistic but that such comment was not under any circumstances to be considered official. Agent Barrett advised that he was not asked his opinion and did not say anything. Neither Binkley nor Barrett advised SAC Hood or anyone else in the office that they had seen the picture. SAC



Hood and Agent Barrett are being considered in this memorandum for administrative action because of this delinquency. Special Agent Binkley is being treated in a separate memorandum because of additional delinquencies.

DETAILS REGARDING DELINQUENCY

Background Information Regarding the Moving Picture:

After the Roger Touhy apprehension, the 20th Century-Fox Company conceived the idea of making the above-named picture. On 5/1/43 Anthony Muto, Washington representative of the Film Corporation, and Colonel Joy, mentioned above, furnished the complete script of this movie to Mr. Nichols and requested him to review the same and make any comments that he cared to make. On May 18, 1943, Mr. Nichols advised that he had gone over the entire script and pointed out to the Film Corporation many objectionable features but he definitely stated that the Bureau was not approving or endorsing the script in any way. On May 18, 1943, SAC Hood advised the Bureau by letter that a confidential informant had told him that the picture was being made in such a way that it would be against the best interests of the Bureau and law enforcement in general. There appeared to be no indication in the file that SAC Hood was advised of the Bureau's dealings with the 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation. The foregoing information is incorporated in this memorandum to show the direct and deep interest which the Bureau had in this film.

Steps Taken by SAC Hood Supporting his Original Report to the Bureau That No Agents had Viewed the Film:

On July 30, 1943, SAC Hood advised by letter that when Mr. Nichols telephoned him originally, he felt certain no Agent of his office had seen the film; that he immediately checked with Agents who had assignments at the studios and with the supervisors to determine if any of them knew about the picture or had seen it at any time; and that he personally contacted every Agent who ordinarily conducted interviews at the studios and every Agent known to him to have been at the studios in emergency instances. He did not canvass every Agent in the office and he did not call any general conference to inquire about this matter. All of his inquiries met with negative results and he advised the Bureau that no Agent in his office had reviewed the film.

Agent Barrett's Statement:

On July 30, 1943, Agent Barrett submitted a signed statement explaining his participation in this incident. He advised that he and Agent Binkley interviewed Bishop, mentioned above, who was Chairman of one of the Local Boards, in connection with a Selective Service case. The interview occurred on or about May 27, 1943, and was held in Bishop's office at the studios. At the conclusion of the interview the fact that 20th-Century Fox was making the picture about the life of Roger Touhy was mentioned and Mr. Bishop stated that he would like to introduce the Agents to the man who had directed the picture. Accordingly,

he took the Agents to a projection room and introduced them to Bryan Foy. There were also an Assistant Director and two technicians in the projection room. Thereafter Bishop excused himself and Foy began talking about the Touhy picture. He stated that a portion of the film which portrayed the Bureau Agents' part in the Touhy apprehension had been sent to Washington and viewed by the Director; that the Director had approved the film except for several minor details which were being changed. Mr. Foy stated that he had just finished running off the film and he would like to have the two Agents view the last two reels which they did. At the conclusion of the showing, Agent Barrett advised he thanked Mr. Foy and stated that he had enjoyed viewing the film very much. Agent Barrett stated that Mr. Foy asked Agent Binkley what he thought of the film and the only comment made by Agent Binkley was that the picture had been very realistic and that the interiors of the building looked like the actual scene in Chicago. Agent Binkley prefaced his remarks by stating that this was his personal, unofficial opinion and Mr. Foy said that of course he understood that.

Agent Barrett stated definitely that at no time did the Agents express any approval or disapproval of the picture, officially or otherwise, and there was nothing said to indicate any controversy existed between the Bureau and the studios regarding the picture. Accordingly, he stated there seemed to be no occasion to report the matter to the SAC.

Agent Binkley's Statement:

Agent Binkley executed a signed statement on July 30, 1943, reiterating and confirming all of the information contained in Agent Barrett's statement and further stated that he did not recall that Agent Barrett made any statement whatsoever.

SAC Hood's Comments:

SAC Hood contacted Mr. Bishop, mentioned above, who stated substantially the same thing that Agents Binkley and Barrett did in their statements. He added, however, that after the Agents had interviewed him on the Selective Service case, he talked to them about the Roger Touhy matter and "it occurred to him that he might do Foy a favor by letting him talk to an Agent who was familiar with the case." He advised that after the introduction he left them and did not see the film at that time. Bishop definitely stated that Foy was the person responsible for the appearance of the article in Variety. He stated that he did not understand that the Agents were in any way viewing the picture officially.

SAC Hood interviewed Bryan Foy. Foy stated that after Bishop introduced the Agents, they held a general conversation for a few moments about Touhy, most of it concerning the sentence that had been imposed upon him. Foy ascertained that Binkley had worked on the Touhy case and after asking Binkley if he would like to see the last two reels of the picture, Agent Binkley assented but, according to Foy, "he immediately emphasized that it was entirely unofficial and that he would like to see

it merely out of curiosity." Foy stated that after seeing the picture, Agent Binkley remarked that it was an accurate portrayal and recalled the situation vividly to him, but he again stated that he was not approving it and that it was his own personal opinion. Foy stated positively that he did not report it to the papers and he does not know who did. Foy stated that he was prompted to contact SAC Hood after the publicity appeared "but that he did not desire to say anything which might get the Agents in trouble and therefore he had kept quiet."

Foy stated that he had informed a Mr. Goetz of the studios that the Agents had seen the picture and "considered the capture to be a good scene." However, both of the Agents in their statements advised that they did not know Mr. Goetz and that he was not among those present when they reviewed the film.

SAC Hood stated that he informed each of the two Agents of his extreme displeasure at the unsatisfactory manner in which they conducted themselves and of their failure to notify him of the fact that they had seen the picture in which they knew the Bureau had a very definite interest. He pointed out to them the embarrassment of it to the Bureau by having gone on record and informing the studios that no Agents had seen the picture. Furthermore, SAC Hood informed all Agents of his office in conference that under no circumstances were they to visit the studios without the express approval of their supervisors and he instructed the supervisors that they must see that the Agents concern themselves solely with the necessary interviews incident to an investigation and if there was to be any other type of activity engaged in, it was to be referred to Hood for determination or reference to the Bureau.

BUREAU RECORDS OF SAC HOOD & AGENT BARRETT

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THE FILES OF SAC HOOD AND AGENT BARRETT ARE ATTACHED.

Concerning Agent Barrett, attention is invited to the fact that he has a good rating to date and nothing specifically derogatory previously appears in his file.

MR. NICHOLS' COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Nichols advised SAC Hood that it was regrettable that he had placed the Director and the Bureau in such an embarrassing position inasmuch as the Bureau had gone on record on the basis of Hood's report by stating that no Agents had viewed the film which was subsequently determined to be false.

Mr. Nichols recommended that Barrett be censured, put on probation, and his salary reduced from CAF-10, \$3500, to CAF-9, \$3200, and that SAC Hood be given a "stiff" letter of censure.

CONCLUSIONS

(1) It has been established that the portion of the statement

appearing in Variety Magazine to the effect that FBI Agents had seen the film in question is true and that Agent Barrett was one of the two Agents who reviewed the film. It has not been established that the portion of the statement in Variety Magazine which gives the Agents' comments on the film was ever actually made. The only statement in this respect which ever was made was that of Agent Binkley, mentioned previously in this memorandum. It appears clear that Agent Barrett was never questioned as to his opinion of the film which he viewed and this seems logical because Agent Barrett, unlike Agent Binkley, had nothing to do with the actual Touhy case in Chicago.

(2) It has not been established who reported the information to Variety Magazine.

(3) It has been established that neither Agent Barrett nor Agent Binkley advised SAC Hood or anyone in the Los Angeles Field Division that they had seen the film. In this connection, there was no indication that either of the Agents knew of the controversy between the Bureau and the 20th Century-Fox Company regarding the film. However, it appears reasonable to conclude that the film did have such a definite and direct interest to the Bureau that these Agents should have reported to SAC Hood that they had seen it.

(4) It appears clearly established that Agent Barrett exercised extremely poor judgment in consenting to view the film and in not advising his SAC that he had seen it.

(5) It has been established that SAC Hood furnished false information to the Bureau because he did not make an exhaustive canvass of all the Agents in his office to determine whether any of them had seen the film in question.

(6) It is clear that SAC Hood was cognizant of the fact that the Roger Touhy film as it was being made was not to the best interests of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that

(1) ~~the attached~~ letter of ^acensure be sent to SAC Hood. ~~It should be noted that this letter contains~~ instructions to SAC Hood to re-advise the Agents in his office that they are not to conduct investigations or other business which might be construed as official at the studios without prior approval from him or an appropriate supervisor.

(2) that Special Agent Barrett be sent, ^a~~the attached~~ letter of ~~censure~~, transferred to Salt Lake City, and demoted in grade and salary from CAF-10, \$3500, to CAF-9, \$3400.

Respectfully,

M. W. Acers

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September 25, 1943

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Mr. Larry Votick
Quartermaster
Army and Navy Group
Jonathan Club
545 South Figueroa
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Votick:

Thanks for your grand letter of
September 20, 1943, as today I find a real
source of encouragement in the knowledge that
the personnel of the FBI has the confidence
of men such as you.

I am glad to learn that Mr. R. B.
Hood, Special Agent in Charge of our Los
Angeles Field Office, made such an impression.
You can rest assured that I have appropriately
noted your thoughtful observations.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc - Los Angeles

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August 6, 1943

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has thoroughly considered the facts and surrounding circumstances in connection with the Bureau's recent embarrassment resulting from the false information furnished by you, to the effect that no Special Agents assigned to your office had viewed the Roger Touhy film at the 20th Century-Fox Film studios. This incident was extremely unfortunate, particularly in view of the inexcusable denial which the Bureau placed on record with the Variety magazine and the film authorities on the basis of your report.

The records at the Seat of Government clearly indicate that you were cognizant of the Bureau's direct and intense interest in the Touhy film. Your letter of May 18, 1943, reporting information which you received regarding the potential dangers in this movie as it was being filmed, is evidence of this. Bearing this in mind, when you were apprised of the information in Variety magazine and instructed to ascertain whether any Agents had seen the film, you should have exhausted every reasonable lead to get the facts.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Piper
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

In conducting this inquiry you were in a position not unlike that of an Agent assigned to an investigative case. Knowing the great importance of this matter to the Bureau, your judgment should have prompted you to exhaust every reasonable inquiry to get the truth. Since your explanatory letter admitted that contacts at the studios were not confined to certain Agents, it cannot be denied that a reasonable inquiry should have included a canvass of all the Agents assigned to Los Angeles headquarters.

AUG 6 1943 In the future when you are instructed to ascertain the facts with respect to any matter, the Bureau insists that you make your inquiries commensurate with the importance of the subject to

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Mr. Richard B. Hood

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insure getting facts instead of presumptions.

Furthermore, although you have indicated that you have already done so, the Bureau desires that you reiterate your instructions to the Agents assigned to your office that they are not to cover any investigative leads at any of the studios or to conduct any other business there, which might be construed as official, without prior approval from you or an appropriate supervisor under your control.

Very truly yours,

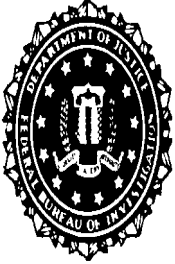
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
August 7, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Dear Sir:

According to information received from Local
Board No. 160 at 4105 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California,
I have been classified 2-B until February 6, 1944.

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Very truly yours,

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Los Angeles, California
May 24, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: SELECTIVE SERVICE
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

Dear Sir:

There is being submitted for your approval three forms used in Selective Service matters by this office. These forms were prepared after careful thought was given to the pressing necessity of handling a large volume of this work in an expeditious manner.

Since their value has been proven over a sufficient length of time I am now in a position to state that the results have been excellent. More specific information is set forth as follows:

1. SELECTIVE SERVICE FORM LETTER DICTATION SLIP. This form is marked by a Special Agent and used by a typist as a guide as to the particular from letters forwarded in a case. This form for the most part enables this office to accelerate the initial investigative steps taken in approximately 1200 cases opened each month by this office. It has been used for the past several months with satisfactory results.

2. RECORD SHEET OF FORM LETTERS FORWARDED. This form is made a serial in the file and is used as a record sheet to indicate that certain form letters have been forwarded. Its use obviates the necessity of preparing carbon copies of each form letter. In addition to saving of considerable amount of copy paper, it has eliminated the filing of carbon copies of form letters. The elimination of a considerable amount of filing is extremely valuable in itself in view of the fact that this office has approximately 4500 pending Selective Service cases and it is difficult to maintain a full staff of capable clerks at the present time. The aforementioned record sheet has been used for the past three months.

3. REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL CHECK (LOCAL). This form is used to set forth information secured as result of a check of the records of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office. It is not serialized and is destroyed as soon as it serves its purpose. It has

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

been used by this office for the past several months with satisfactory results.

I will appreciate your suggestions and approval of the aforesaid forms.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD /
SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to August 31, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Hilda F. Hood Address 3919 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.
Relationship wife Dated August 5, 1943

Very truly yours,

ack. 9-22-43
WJ

Richard B. [Signature]
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California
July 30, 1943

R.B. Hood

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Director, FBI

RE: TWENTIETH-CENTURY FOX STUDIO

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telephone conversation with Mr. NICHOLS at the Bureau on July 29th relative to the motion picture on the life of ROGER TOUHY, produced by the above-named company under the direction of BRYAN FOY.

When Mr. NICHOLS first mentioned this situation to me telephonically several weeks ago, I felt certain that no Agent of this office had seen the film, and immediately checked with the Agents who have assignments at the studios and with the Supervisors to determine if any of them knew about this picture, or had seen it at any time, and the results of that check were entirely negative. Ordinarily only certain Special Agents conduct interviews at the studios, and each of these was personally contacted by me and informed that he had not seen the picture. Occasionally, other Special Agents do contact the studios in emergency matters, or for some other reason, and those persons who were known to have been at the studio were also inquired of, with negative results. No general conference of all Special Agents was called by me to ask if anyone of them had any information in connection with this matter. Based on the inquiries of those persons who would ordinarily know of such interviews and of the Supervisors, I informed Mr. NICHOLS that no Agent had seen the picture in question.

Upon receipt of information from Mr. NICHOLS on July 28th that Doc BISHOP of the studio reportedly made information available to "Variety" about the Bureau's approval of this picture, I contacted BISHOP and he informed me that Special Agent LESTER E. BARRETT and another Agent had contacted him with reference to a major Selective Service case, and when the interview was concluded some discussion was had with reference to a picture and he introduced the Agents to FOY who was at that particular time about to run off two reels of the entire thing was coincidental, and after talking with the Agents, it occurred to him that he might do FOY a favor by letting him talk to an Agent who was familiar with the case. After the introduction, BISHOP left and did not himself see the film at that time.

BISHOP very definitely stated that FOY was the person responsible for the appearance of this article in "Variety". He states that he did not understand that the Agents were in any way viewing the picture as Bureau representatives, or for the purpose of any endorsement at all. It is interesting to note that although BISHOP did not stay to see the pic-

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ture shown, he believes the Agent had stated to FOY that the layout in the picture was quite accurate. BISHOP, time and again, repeated that FOY was the person responsible for this matter being released to the newspaper.

I located FOY by telephone on the evening of July 29th. I informed him very definitely that someone at the studio had embarrassed me by making a statement to "Variety" about the TOUHY picture and attributed the statement to Bureau Agents. FOY appeared to be very upset about the situation and told me he would relate the exact truth of what had happened. He stated that BISHOP had come to the projection room and advised him, FOY that he had two FBI Agents he would like to introduce; that they had a general conversation for a few moments about TOUHY, most of it being about the sentence that had been imposed on him. FOY ascertained that Agent JOHN T. BINKLEY, who had accompanied Agent BARRETT, had worked on the case, and FOY asked him if he would like to see the last two reels of the picture. The Agent stated he would, but he immediately emphasized that it was entirely unofficial but that he would just like to see it out of curiosity. After seeing the picture, the Agent reportedly remarked that it was an accurate portrayal and recalled the situation vividly to him, but he again stated that he was not approving it; that it was his own personal opinion. FOY states positively that he did not report it to the papers, and he does not know who did; that he knows that the Agents saw this portion of the picture, but did not approve it at all.

FOY advised me that he considered getting in touch with me after the publicity appeared on the thing, but he did not desire then to say anything that might get the Agents in trouble and, therefore, he had kept quiet. I informed FOY that so far as I knew, the only two persons who knew the Agents were there were BISHOP and himself, and it appeared one of them had released the information to a reporter. He stated he had informed Mr. GOETZ that the Agents had seen it and considered the capture to be a good scene. He indicated that probably other people had heard that the Agents had seen it, but he kept reiterating that he had not any idea who had made any statement to a reporter about it.

FOY stated that he understands the Director has refused to see the picture and DARRYL ZANUCK has advised that the Director is mad at FOY. FOY wonders how this can be, inasmuch as he has never met the Director or had any dealings with him in connection with the picture. FOY states that he is being shoved around on this whole affair because he made someone at the studio angry by going over their head to get things done in this pic-

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ture; consequently, they are putting FOY in the middle in the present dealings with the Bureau and want to make it appear to the studio that it is very difficult to deal with the Bureau, and then show what a great job they are doing back in Washington. He cannot believe that it is the Director who has said the things attributed to him, and he would like to personally meet the Director some time and advise him of this.

He stated that telegrams had gone in from Washington from Colonel JOY, and all the way through he inferred that the person he referred to as being angry at him at the studio is Colonel JOY, and he read me the following telegram addressed to ZANUCK on July 29th:

"THE MATTER IS GREATLY COMPLICATED BY THE UNORTHODOX AND EMBARRASSING MANNER IN WHICH THIS WHOLE PROJECT HAS BEEN HANDLED BY FOY AND OTHERS AT THE STUDIO AND THE PUBLICITY AND EXPLOITS BEFORE YOUR RETURN. YOU AND TONY ARE ENTIRELY IN THE CLEAR. THEY KNOW AND APPRECIATE THE MOMENT YOU SAW PICTURE YOU WITHHELD IT FROM RELEASE. I AM WHIPPING BOY BECAUSE OF STUDIO'S DETERMINATION BEFORE YOUR RETURN TO PRODUCE AND RELEASE A PICTURE CONSIDERED BY THE FBI TO BE UNTRUE, UNFAIR AND EMBARRASSING. FOY'S ALLEGED CONTACT IN CHICAGO WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CONTACT WITH HOOVER, HAS NEVER MENTIONED IT EXCEPT IN THE BEGINNING TO INDUCE HOOVER, HAS NEVER PHOTOGRAPHED FOR USE IN PICTURE SAME AS GOVERNOR GREENE. FBI GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR STOPPING IT AND IS DETERMINED TO PUNISH TEMPORARILY AT LEAST THOSE WHO HAUNTED THEIR REPUTATION AND IGNORED THEIR ADVICE. TONY AND I BELIEVE WE WILL GET CLEARANCE FOR A GOOD PICTURE".

A later telegram advised that the Director would see the picture on July 20th and he, JOY would try to make a salvageable picture. FOY states that he does not understand the statement in the telegram about punishing anybody, inasmuch as he was never told that this picture was not to be made as it was, although the studio now advises him that it had been submitted to the Bureau before it was made and he was told not to make it. He positively states he was never instructed not to make the picture. He states that the picture is simply based on the news stories he could compile on it and he does not know what the trouble is all about.

I informed FOY that I knew nothing of any arrangements between representatives of the studio and the Bureau before, during, or after the picture was made, and my sole concern was the fact that he had shown the picture to the Agents mentioned and as a result some publicity had occurred which was not true and which had embarrassed me considerably, in view of my going on record with the Bureau to the effect that no Agents had seen the picture. FOY volunteered to write a letter to the Director to state his version of just what the Agents had said; however, I informed him this was

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not necessary, unless I expressly requested it and, of course, this is out of the question as it serves no purpose.

FOY stated that as further evidence of the fact that he is in the middle of this situation, is the manner in which a man named BRANSON in Chicago has apparently been misleading him. FOY states that in conversation with Governor GREENE, the latter requested that the Director be in the picture, and FOY inquired as to how would be the best way to get in touch with the Director, and GREENE stated BRANSON was a very close personal friend and would contact the Director about the picture, which was reportedly done and the Director declined to have any part in it. BRANSON is supposed to have gone back and had other appointments with the Director and even within the last few weeks he has been advised about the alleged contact of BRANSON with the Director, and now he is informed from Washington that BRANSON has not even had the contact as alleged.

FOY reiterated that in his opinion the damage in this whole situation was done by the Fox people in Washington, and he inferred that he is not on friendly terms with the Washington representative of the studio.

I am enclosing for the information of the Bureau memoranda from the Agents BINKLEY and BARRETT. I have informed each of these Agents of my extreme displeasure of the unsatisfactory manner in which they conducted themselves, and of their failure to notify me of the fact that they had seen the picture in which they knew the Bureau had a very definite interest. Both of them state they did not know there was any controversy about it at all and as they had not made any official comments of any kind, they, therefore, immediately dismissed the incident from their minds. I have pointed out to them the embarrassment of it to the Bureau by having gone on record and inform the studio that no Agents had seen the picture, and this was done on my statement because, after checking with those persons who ordinarily contact the studios, I had not ascertained that the picture had been viewed by them.

I have informed all Agents of this office in conference that under no circumstances are they to visit the studios without the express approval of their Supervisors, and the Supervisors have been instructed that they must see that the Agents concern themselves solely with the necessary interviews incident to an investigation, and if there is to be any other type of activity engaged in, it is to be referred to me for determination of reference to the Bureau.

Director * P & C

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I sincerely regret the fact that the Bureau has found it necessary to retract a statement which was originally made on information furnished by me.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
SAC

RBH:AB

Los Angeles, California
July 30, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

On or about May 19, 1943, the writer and Special Agent LESTER E. BARRETT were assigned to investigate a case entitled "O. T. PHILLIPS, et al, Discrepancies in Douglas Aircraft Replacement Schedules--Selective Service Conspiracy". During the course of this investigation it became necessary to interview one WILLIAM M. BISHOP, Chairman of Local Draft Board No. 251, and an appointment was made to meet BISHOP, at his office in the 20th Century Fox Studios, Culver City, California, at approximately 5 p.m. on an afternoon during the last week in May, 1943.

At the conclusion of instant interview, BISHOP mentioned that 20th Century Fox Studios had just completed a picture entitled "ROGER TOWHY, LAST OF THE GANGSTERS". The writer exhibited interest in this statement and BISHOP asked the writer if he, the writer, had been on the raid. The writer replied that he was one of a number of agents assigned to the case. BISHOP then observed that the picture was just being run off in the cutting room by the director of the film, BRYAN FOY, and BISHOP asked the writer if he would care to see the last two reels of the film, i.e. the pictures of the actual raid. The writer replied that he would.

Following this conversation, the writer and Special Agent BARRETT were taken to the cutting room by BISHOP and introduced to BRYAN FOY. Before running off the film FOY volunteered the following information: That the film had been approved by the Bureau and that Mr. HOOVER had sent a letter requesting certain changes in the script, all of which changes were made in accordance with MR. HOOVER'S request.

At the conclusion of the two reels which were viewed by the writer, Agent BARRETT, BRYAN FOY, an assistant to FOY, and two cutting room technicians, FOY asked the writer what he thought of the picture. There were no studio executives present and, in answer to a specific question from the Special Agent in Charge, the writer wishes to advise that to the best of his knowledge, there was no one present by the name of Mr. GOETZ. The writer replied that he thought the picture very realistic, and the writer expressly qualified this remark by stating that such comment was not under any circumstances to be considered official and further that the only official comment on the picture would have to be made by the Director, MR. HOOVER. The writer does not recall that Agent BARRETT made any statement whatsoever. Although the writer observed this film was not accurate in many details, he did not express any approval or disapproval of what he had seen.

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The writer has never seen BRYAN FOY before or since this incident and is not acquainted with him or any of his friends or any one else connected with the motion picture industry, either socially or in any other manner.

Inasmuch as there was no evidence that there was any dispute or controversy between the Bureau and the studio about this picture and, further, inasmuch as FOY stated that the picture itself had been submitted to the Director, it was believed by the writer that the Special Agent in Charge was already aware that the picture was being produced, and the writer did not, therefore, advise the Special Agent in Charge of this incident.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. BINKLEY, JR
Special Agent

JTB:EMH

Los Angeles, California
July 30, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

About May 27, 1943, the writer, accompanied by Special Agent JOHN T. BINKLEY, had occasion to contact WILLIAM M. BISHOP of Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, in the course of an investigation of the case entitled "O.T. PHILLIPS, et al, (Discrepancies in replacement schedules given by Douglas Aircraft Company), SELECTIVE SERVICE, CONSPIRACY". An interview was conducted in Mr. BISHOP'S office about 5 p.m. At the conclusion of the interview, the fact that Twentieth Century Fox was making a picture about the life of ROGER TOUHY was mentioned. Mr. BISHOP said that he would like to introduce Agent BINKLEY and the writer to the man who had directed the picture, Mr. FOY. Mr. BISHOP conducted Agent BINKLEY and the writer to the projection room where he introduced agents to Mr. BRYAN FOY. Present in the projection room besides Mr. FOY was an assistant director and two technicians. After the introductions, BISHOP excused himself and FOY began talking about the TOUHY picture. He stated that he had done a great deal of research before starting to shoot the movie and that he had even interviewed ROGER TOUHY in solitary confinement at the Joliet State Penitentiary. He further stated that a portion of the film which portrayed Bureau Agents' part in the TOUHY apprehension had been sent to Washington and viewed by the Director. He stated that the Director had approved of the film except in several minor details and that they were making the suggested changes. Mr. FOY stated that they had just finished running off the film and that he would like to have Agent BINKLEY and the writer view the last two reels. Mr. FOY thereupon called back to the projection booth, the room was darkened and the last two reels of the film were shown. At the conclusion of the showing, the writer thanked Mr. FOY and stated that he had enjoyed viewing the film very much.

Mr. FOY asked Agent BINKLEY what he thought of the film. The only comment made by Agent BINKLEY was that the picture had been very realistic and that the interiors of the building looked like the actual scene in Chicago. BINKLEY prefaced his remarks by stating that any opinion expressed was personal and not official, and that any official opinion would have to come from Washington. Mr. FOY said that of course he understood this.

At no time did agents express any approval or disapproval of Mr. FOY'S picture, officially or otherwise. There was nothing said which would indicate any controversy between the Bureau and the studio of this

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picture. On the contrary, Mr. FOY said that the film had been viewed by the Director and gave the impression that it had received official Bureau approval. There seemed to be no occasion to report this matter to the Special Agent in Charge.

Reference is made to the question of the Special Agent in Charge as to whether Mr. GETZ was present at the time the film was shown. Neither Mr. GETZ nor any other studio official was there. Only those persons mentioned above were present.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER E. BARRETT
Special Agent

LEB:rc

Los Angeles, California
August 2, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE CONFERENCE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 28, 1943, requesting any suggestions or recommendations that I may have with respect to the curriculum for proposed Special Agents in Charge conference during the current year.

I have always felt that the most benefit has been obtained from short two or three-day conferences of Special Agents in Charge. Some informal conferences such as those had two years ago were the most beneficial to me. It is requested that conferences of this type be continued whenever possible, and that they be commenced by the Director personally, if possible, for every Special Agent in Charge is always impressed and inspired by the appearance and comments of the Director. His statements relative to Bureau policies, the instructions that he desires to give, and whatever statements possible in connection with the future prospects of the Bureau are considered by me to be most important at the present time.

It is believed that, rather than having the Supervisors discuss details of their work at the Bureau, discussions led by the Assistants to the Director and the Assistant Directors are more beneficial to the Special Agents in Charge. While there is not any indication being made as to who should present the subjects, the matters mentioned herein are believed to be of prime importance and one in which every Agent in Charge undoubtedly has some questions:

- (a) Effects on the Bureau work of the McNabb, Gross and Schneiderman decisions;
- (b) Relations with Congress;
- (c) Relations with the State Department;
- (d) Relations with Army and Naval Intelligence Agencies;
- (e) SIS assignments;
- (f) Personnel problems;
- (g) Office administration;
- (h) Communication facilities.

Director
Re: S.A.C. Conference

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It is recommended that as much time as possible be given to the discussion of Communism, not with reference to the history and development of it, but the policies of the Bureau in connection with these cases and frank discussions of future courses of action in connection with Communist activities.

It is felt that considerable time has elapsed since Special Agents in Charge have been afforded firearms training instruction. In addition to the usual courses in firing the Bureau's weapons, I would appreciate having approximately two days at Quantico with the instructors handling Agents on the range, and attending classes in firearms nomenclature.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB

R. B. HOOD
SAC.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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July 31, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: 20th CENTURY-FOX

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Starke	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahm	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

In connection with the Roger Touhy picture, you will recall an item recently appeared in Variety Magazine which in effect stated that two FBI Agents had seen the picture and thought it was an authentic presentation of the subject. I immediately called Hood at that time and he reported back that nobody from the Los Angeles office had seen the picture or made any comment on it.

The other day when Muto and Jason Joy were in my office, Joy pointed out that Doc Bishop had stated definitely that two agents had contacted him on a Selective Service matter. He had talked about the picture to them and they had seen the last two or three reels. Doc Bishop is chairman of the Draft Board and, according to SAC Hood, we have had considerable dealings with him in connection with cases coming out of Douglas Aircraft,

You will recall that we wrote a letter to Ungar, Editor of Variety, denying that any agents had attended or approved the picture. Furthermore, we protested to Joy and to Muto that our agents had not seen the picture. When Joy told me that, according to Doc Bishop, our agents had seen the picture, I called SAC Hood and told him to have Bishop interviewed and secure all the details including those of our agents.

Hood subsequently advised that Bishop had been interviewed and stated that several weeks ago a couple of Special Agents came out to see him one afternoon about 5 o'clock on a Selective Service case. Later, they visited for a few moments and Doc Bishop told them about the Roger Touhy picture. Agent John T. Binkley, Jr., accompanied by Agent Lester E. Barrett were told by Bishop that he would introduce them to the man who made the picture. He thereupon took them to the office of Brian Foy who was running off the last three reels of film at that time. When introduced, Foy stated, "I'm running the last two sections of the film now; do you want to come in and see it?" The agents did, and Doc Bishop stated the agents positively did not say anything they shouldn't have about the picture at all. Bishop stated that Foy had passed on the information to Variety. Bishop said the agents did not comment, although Agent Binkley stated the picture was like the case as he recalled it. At that time he was assigned to the Chicago office. Binkley further stated that he had no connection with the case and that what he said was entirely unofficial.



Hood stated he talked to Brian Foy about the matter; Foy has been very helpful to the office and Hood has known him over a period of years. Foy stated that Doc Bishop came to his office with a couple of agents and he, Foy, had shown them two reels of the film. Foy denied reporting it to the papers and stated he did not know who did. Foy further stated the agents did not give the film their okay.

In this connection, Agent Binkley stated:

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"On or about May 19, 1943, the writer, with Special Agent Lester E. Barrett, were assigned to investigate a case entitled "O. T. Phillips, et al; Discrepancy in Douglas Aircraft replacement schedule; Selective Service." During the course of this investigation it was necessary to interview William S. Bishop, chairman of Local Draft Board No. 251, and appointment was made to meet Bishop at his office at 20th Century-Fox Studios at 5 P.M. on an afternoon during the last week in May. At the conclusion of the instant interview, Bishop mentioned that the 20th Century-Fox Studios just completed a picture titled, "Roger Touhy, Last of the Gangsters." The writer exhibited interest in this statement and Bishop asked the writer if he had been on the raid. The writer advised that he was one of a number of agents assigned to the case. Bishop observed that the picture was then being run off in the cutting room by the director of the film, Brian Foy, and Bishop asked the writer if he would care to see the last two reels of the film, that is, the pictures of the actual raid. The writer replied that he would, following which conversation the writer and Agent Barrett were taken to the cutting room by Bishop and introduced to Brian Foy. Before running off the film, Foy volunteered the following information: that the film had been approved by the Bureau and Mr. Hoover had sent a letter requesting certain changes in the script all of which changes were made in accordance with Mr. Hoover's request. At the conclusion of the two reels which were viewed by the writer and Agent Barrett, Brian Foy, an assistant to Foy, and two cutting room technicians, Foy asked the writer what he thought of the picture. There was no studio executive present and in answer to the specific question from the Special Agent in Charge, the writer wishes to advise that to the best of his knowledge there was no one present by the name of Mr. Goetz. The writer replied that he thought the picture very realistic and the writer expressly qualified this remark by stating that such comment was not under any circumstances to be considered official. Further, that the only official comment on the picture would have to be made by the Director, Mr. Hoover. The writer does not recall that Agent Barrett made any statement whatsoever. Although the writer observed the film was not accurate in many details he did not express any approval or disapproval of what he had seen. The writer has never seen Brian Foy before or since this incident and is not acquainted with him or any of his friends or anyone else connected with the industry socially or in any other manner. Inasmuch as there was no evidence of any dispute or controversy between the Bureau

and the studio about this picture and further, inasmuch as Foy stated the picture itself had been submitted to the Director, it is believed by the writer that the Special Agent in Charge was already aware that the picture was being produced. The writer, therefore, did not advise the Special Agent in Charge of this incident."

Mr. Hood advised that Agent Barrett had made no statement relative to the authenticity of the film; that he knew nothing of the Touhy case and that most of the people there could not even recall that Barrett said anything at all, that he was not able to make any comparison between the picture and the actual case.

Hood then related that in conversation with Foy, Foy told him he understood the Director refused to even see the film; that Zanuck had told him the Director was pretty much disgusted with Foy and Foy could not understand this as he had no connection with the Director concerning the film. Furthermore Foy stated this did not sound like the Director from what he knew of him. He further stated that someone in the Fox outfit was mad because he, Foy, had gone over somebody's head, that he hadn't been getting anywhere when the idea first came up, so he made the necessary arrangements and went ahead with the picture. He said no one told him not to make the picture and that Colonel Joy was the individual over whose head he had gone. Summing up, Foy stated that he absolutely did not make any statement to Variety. Hood asked Foy if anybody had been introduced to the agents, as agents, and in this connection he pointed out that Goetz, then head of the studio, had been there shortly after the agents, and that a few studio people knew the agents were there, however, he had not discussed it. Hood told Foy that when this first appeared he had advised the Bureau that none of the Los Angeles agents had seen the picture. Accordingly, the Director had taken his word on the matter and had written letters, but now it turns out that agents of the Los Angeles office had seen the picture and had not advised him of it. Foy immediately said he wanted to write the Director and explain the situation. Hood stated this was not necessary.

Foy then told Hood in confidence that Jason Joy had sent a telegram to Zanuck to the effect that "the matter is greatly complicated by the unorthodox manner in which the whole project has been handled at the studio, and the publicity and exploitation before your (Zanuck's) return." The telegram went on to say that Zanuck and Muto were entirely in the clear, that the Bureau knows and appreciates that the moment Zanuck saw the picture he held it from release, that Joy is the "whipping board" because of the studio's determination before Zanuck's return to produce and release the picture which is considered by the FBI to be untrue and unfair. The wire further pointed out that Foy's

alleged contact in Chicago (Larry Benson) who was supposed to be in contact with the Director, had never mentioned it except in the beginning (when he called the Director in Chicago) to induce the Director to be photographed for use in the picture the same as Governor Green. The wire went on to say that the Bureau was determined to punish at least temporarily those who ignored our advice but that the FBI was thankful the picture was stopped. The wire continued that Joy thought he and Muto could work it out and get clearance and stated he thought the Director would see the picture very soon. This, of course, is a misrepresentation of the facts as the Director saw the picture several weeks ago. Hood asked that we not mention the wire to Joy or Muto because he feels that Foy is in bad at the studio as a result of the picture.

Hood further stated that Foy told him he talked to Governor Green and had discussed getting the Director interested in the picture. Governor Green told Foy Larry Benson was a good friend of the Director, and accordingly, Foy got in touch with Benson who strung him along, telling him he was in communication with the Director.

I explained to Hood the complete background. I told him we knew Joy was lying and how we read the script and made suggestions which Foy and others had seen fit to disregard. Hood pointed out that Foy thinks Joy put the bee on him, that Foy had been blamed by the studio. They now tell him he was not supposed to make the picture and blame it all on him.

I asked Hood specifically if Foy had ever been of assistance to the Bureau in Los Angeles. He stated he has helped us in many instances. Hood has never met Joy. (I told Hood it was regrettable that he had placed the Director and the Bureau in such an embarrassing position, as we had stated positively that Bureau agents had not seen the film. Hood said he contacted every agent who could possibly have been out there; that Binkley and Barrett did not report the matter to him and it did not occur to him they could have been there at the time.

Both Binkley's and Barret's statements are outlined above. I recommend that a stiff letter of censure be directed to Hood. A separate memorandum is attached regarding dereliction on the part of Brinkley in a recent fugitive case. I recommend that Binkley's resignation be requested. I further recommend that Barrett be censured, put on probation and his salary reduced from \$3500 to \$3200.)

Respectfully,

*Mem for Mr. Tolson
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L. B. Nichols

Attachment

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Appeal Procedure

Any person entitled to do so may take an appeal to the board of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of Notice of Classification to registrant in either of the following ways:

- (1) By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.
- (2) By signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

When an appeal is taken from the classification or reclassification of a registrant and when such appeal is upon the ground that the registrant should have been deferred by reason of his occupation, the appeal shall be transferred to the board of appeal having jurisdiction over the area in which the registrant is employed, provided all of the following conditions are met (but not otherwise):

- (1) The first person to appeal from such classification or reclassification files with his appeal a written request for such transfer;
- (2) The written request states in what respect an occupational question is involved; and
- (3) The written request states the name of the registrant's employer and the street address, county, and State where the registrant is employed.

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal or to the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40) a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred, may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight, and may set out in full any information which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.

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November 16, 1943

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Sir:

I am unable to understand the basis of your recommendation that Special Agent Charles W. Griffith not be dismissed from the service. Very obviously Griffith took active steps to conceal from you for a period of several days the misconduct of Homer A. Wells. He could have had no doubt as to the obligations he owed to you and to the Bureau in bringing this matter to your attention so that steps could be taken to avoid possible publicity and embarrassment. Nevertheless he chose to conceal the facts, indicating positively a lack of loyalty to the organization. He was admittedly more loyal to an agent whose personal misconduct had damaged the reputation of the Bureau than he was to the organization or its decent representatives who through personal sacrifices and hard work have built an enviable reputation for the FBI.

In so doing, Griffith certainly forfeited all consideration which might be given to him by you or the Bureau. Laxity and a lack of strictness contribute to the occurrence of situations such as that in which these agents were involved. It is imperative that a Special Agent in Charge be more strict when rules of the Bureau or rules of common decency are violated and make definite recommendations which will act as a deterrent to others who might be so inclined. I hope that you will tighten up in this regard and exercise better judgment in the protection of the Bureau's welfare and reputation in the administration of your office.

truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover

Director

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December 17, 1943

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau has considered and approved your suggestion that a bulletin be forwarded to the field advising Agents that it is permissible for them to communicate, when under transfer, directly with the Special Agent in Charge of the office to which they are being transferred regarding living quarters.

I wish to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I feel sure that its adoption will result in a saving in investigative time as well as contributing to the morale of the Agent personnel.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

JAN 7 1944

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December 10, 1943

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

RE: SUPERVISORS

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your communication of November 27, 1943, wherein you suggest the designation of a Supervisor as an official title and wherein you further recommend that an Agent, while in a supervisory capacity, receive added remuneration.

With reference to the comment made by you that an Agent should be in the service at least one year, the Bureau is wholly in agreement with you in this comment and has brought this matter to the attention of its Special Agents in Charge on a number of occasions when recommendations have been made by Special Agents in Charge that employees in the Bureau only a short period of time be designated in supervisory positions. The Bureau has always felt and at the present time feels that an employee should be thoroughly qualified in the field of investigative work prior to his being designated in a supervisory position and only those who possess the possibilities of further advancement in the Bureau's service should be so designated.

With reference to the setting up of an additional position of Supervisor, offering added remuneration during the appointment to such a position, the Bureau has carefully considered your suggestion and feels it would be undesirable to set up such a position at this time. As you know, supervisory experience is given to those employees of the Bureau who have shown an aptitude for supervisory duties and who undoubtedly are desirous of progressing in the Bureau's service. The temporary assignment to supervisory duties assists that employee in furthering his ambition to get ahead in the Bureau's service by affording him the necessary administrative and supervisory work. It is felt that if a special supervisory position were set up with added remuneration and the Bureau found it necessary, as it does from time to time, to change supervisory Agents in the field

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so as to afford additional Agents supervisory training and experience, the employee relieved of his supervisory position would resent his being relieved, not only for the loss of title, but because of the loss of the added compensation which had accrued to him during his period of assignment as Supervisor.

It is felt, therefore, that the Bureau's present policy of affording Special Agents supervisory experience should be continued.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Los Angeles, California
November 27, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: SUPERVISORS

Dear Sir:

The following suggestion is submitted for the Bureau's consideration, and these ideas on supervisory positions have been gathered during the course of time in casual conversation with many Special Agents in this office and elsewhere, and they are submitted with the idea of endeavoring to improve the attitude of the average Agent toward supervisory positions in the field.

It is assumed from the outset that those persons appointed to supervisors' positions have indicated they possess outstanding personal qualities and better than average investigative ability and are able to direct the activities of other Agents. These qualities are not necessarily found in all Agents by any means, and whenever they are possessed by an Agent, every effort should be made to afford him the opportunity of demonstrating his qualities. It is not believed that any Agent who has been in the Bureau for less than a year should be appointed to a regular supervisory position, for while he may possess outstanding qualities, there are undoubtedly other Agents in the service who have many good qualities which they should have the opportunity of developing and demonstrating. The new men should be required to await their turn before having the opportunity of showing their administrative ability, and it is not believed that one year is too long a period of training for them to experience before being afforded this opportunity. Most Agents need approximately a year's seasoning in the Bureau to have a proper understanding of Bureau policy, and they should have considerable investigative experience to enable them to function properly as supervisors and administrators.

It is realized by most Agents that they will not become Agents in Charge unless they have the opportunity of having desk experience, and I have the definite impression that there are many Agents in the Bureau who do not believe that supervisory positions are worth working for because they do require a considerable acceptance of responsibility and, in some cases, a risk of one's future in the Bureau - all without any additional remuneration. The present tendency of the Bureau to place additional responsibility in the field where the cases are supervised is indeed a wise one; however, with the added responsibility for that supervision, it does appear that there should be some definite consideration given to the Agents who occupy those positions.

Director

November 27, 1943

Re: SUPERVISORS

To make the position regarded as a more worthy one, it is recommended that those appointed as supervisors be expressly designated by the Bureau on the official recommendation of the Agent in Charge, and that for the length of time they are serving in the capacity, that they receive additional remuneration. If it is necessary to remove a supervisor from his assignment, a readjustment in salary would automatically follow.

It is possible that the Bureau has considered the fact that the mere opportunity of enhancing one's position in the Bureau would be of sufficient incentive to have Agents with ambition fill the supervisory positions, and many good men can be developed under the present system; however, I think that it would tend to raise the status of a supervisory position in the eyes of the Agents, as well as the public, if it were an official designation and the employee were given the title 'supervisor'. Certainly most industrial concerns operate on this theory, and even though a supervisor has but very few employees under him, in private business the position is recognized as one entailing responsibility and, as a result, additional remuneration is given to the employee.

In event the Bureau is of the opinion that my suggestion is not a practical one, it is respectfully requested that those Agents in Charge whose opinions can be obtained be requested to furnish their ideas on this matter to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 15, 1943

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R. B. Hood

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: Homer B. Wells
Charles W. Griffith
Special Agents

With reference to Mr. Glavin's memorandum of November 12, 1943, I telephoned Los Angeles on November 13 and in the absence of Mr. Hood talked to ASAC Ellsworth. Ellsworth investigated the misconduct on the part of Wells and the failure of Griffith to report same. Ellsworth told me that there was no doubt whatsoever in the mind of Griffith when he originally received the information that it concerned Special Agent Homer B. Wells. Although Griffith received the original information on November 5, he did nothing at all about bringing it to the attention of Hood but did on November 9 talk to Wells about it. At that time Wells denied to Griffith that he was drunk or had done the things alleged but did not deny that he was the person against whom the allegations were made. Even if Wells had not done the things stated, Griffith was still under obligation to bring it to the Bureau's attention.

Ellsworth stated that Griffith had no excuse but said that he had finally decided that he was going to write it up as an impersonation complaint and see what happened. According to Ellsworth, Griffith stated he just did not have the "guts" to tell on Wells.

I told Ellsworth to send in a summary memorandum by teletype immediately concerning Griffith's actions. Thereafter upon clearance from Mr. Tolson, appropriate action was taken dismissing both Wells and Griffith from the service with prejudice.

As I pointed out, Hood recommended that Griffith not be severed from the service but be reduced in salary, placed on probation and transferred to another field division. A proposed letter to Hood censuring him for this recommendation is attached.

Respectfully,

Robert C. Hendon

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January 4, 1944

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Sir:

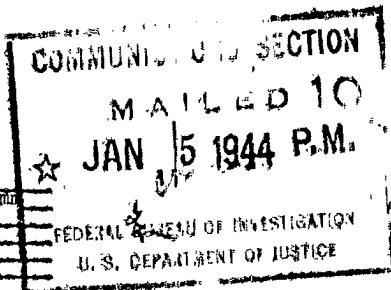
The Bureau has carefully reviewed the information submitted concerning the apprehension of Franz Xaver Lindner and this individual's subsequent allegation of the loss of his personal property.

In view of the seriousness of an accusation of this nature, regardless of whether it was based on fact, you should have brought the matter to the Bureau's attention immediately. There is no excuse for your failure to do so, particularly when the original complaint was followed by an inquiry in behalf of the subject from the Swiss Chancellor.

It should not be necessary to advise you of the need for promptly reporting such matters and it is hoped you will not be derelict in this manner again.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to December 18, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name William J. Shaw Address 70 Field Office, to which assigned
Relationship Wife Dated 11-12-44

Very truly yours,

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Richard B. Shaw
Special Agent

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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Local Board No. 160
San Diego County, California

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4105 Pacific Highway,
San Diego, California

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: RICHARD B. HOOD
ON 1499

Gentlemen:

The occupation/deferment granted our above registrant will expire on February 6th, 1944, it will be necessary that we have a new Form 42A before further deferment can be given this registrant. If it is your desire to request further deferment, will you please furnish us with the necessary information as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

T. N. PAULSON, CHAIRMAN

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January 27, 1944

Local Board Number 160
Selective Service System
4105 Pacific Highway
San Diego, California

Re: RICHARD B. HOOD
Order Number 1499

Gentlemen:

The Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission, established under the provisions of Executive Order 9309, has determined the position of Special Agent in Charge held by Mr. Hood to be a key position within the meaning of said Executive Order.

The Agency Committee of this Bureau, which has been established in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 9309, recommends that the attached Forms 42 and 42 B be forwarded to you requesting occupational deferment on behalf of Mr. Hood.

I would appreciate having these affidavits made a part of the file of the above-named registrant, and request your consideration of the same when you determine his classification. The principal place of employment of this registrant is Los Angeles, California.

Should you want any additional information, do not hesitate to call upon me. I shall keep you promptly advised of any change in the occupational status of this registrant.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. Hood is a Special Agent in Charge and as such holds a key position as designated by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission within the meaning of Executive Order 9309. The performance of his duties is essential and critical to the execution of the work assigned by law and Executive Directive to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

To the Federal Bureau of Investigation is assigned the responsibility of investigating all acts of espionage, sabotage and all actions tending to undermine the internal security of the nation. We must also investigate and enforce all those federal statutes assigned to the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau such as: bank robbery, kidnaping, interference with the interstate transportation of goods, National Stolen Property Act, White Slave Traffic Act, etc., the enforcement of which is necessary to the preservation of the national health, safety and interest.

J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D. C.

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See attachment. As Special Agent in Charge he is the administrative official in charge of the maintenance and operations of one of our fifty-seven investigative field offices. As such he is directly responsible for all investigative matters within the jurisdiction of a field office which for the most part pertains to matters affecting the internal security of this country. He is qualified to handle the most complicated investigations in the Field. Sept. 24, 1934

He can be contacted through FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

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January 27, 1944

SPECIAL AGENTS

This position has been designated as a key position by the Review Committee of the War Manpower Commission.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the sole civilian government investigative agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to national defense such as espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals, sedition, treason, and the like, and further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The investigative work in connection with the above violations is performed by the Special Agent personnel of this Bureau, who are recruited from applicants between the ages of twenty-three and forty. They must be graduates of a law school or an accounting school with the necessary accounting experience, or graduates of a university with extensive investigative experience, or with linguistic qualifications, or have basic educational training and possess satisfactory prior law enforcement experience which will enable them to satisfactorily perform the duties imposed upon them. For certain of the scientific investigative work, Special Agents are secured who primarily are qualified in the sciences, such as ballistics, chemical analysis, spectography, cryptography, mineralogy, metallography, toxicology, and other like sciences. Applicants for appointment to the position of Special Agent must meet the physical standards and requirements for this position, which are exceedingly high. They must have vision of no less than 20/40 in one eye, 20/50 uncorrected, both eyes to be corrected to 20/20. They must have no color deficiency whatever.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation undergo a rigorous training program. All newly appointed Special Agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation attend training classes for a period of sixteen weeks; the hours of training are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, which course of study is equivalent to two full years of college study. During this period of training, they are thoroughly instructed in the basic rules and regulations and jurisdictions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They must satisfactorily pass numerous written examinations during their period of training. If a trainee fails to pass any of these examinations, he is dropped from the school.

The duties of a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are most arduous. They must be available at a moment's notice to go to any part of the United States or to any assignment outside the United States. The hours of duty for these employees are such that they must be in excellent physical health. The average work week for a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is no less than seventy hours. The work of a Special Agent, regardless of his particular qualification, is such that he cannot lead a sedentary or well regulated life. Due to the small number of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation presently handling the work under the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation within and without the continental United States, it is necessary that the entire staff be highly mobile.

Special Agents are required to be able to conduct investigations in more than 100 types of cases, including espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, frauds against the government, kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, White Slave

Traffic Act, etc. They are trained in and required to maintain constant skill in the use of highly technical equipment, technical processes, such as those necessary for the development of latent fingerprints, concealed or obliterated numbers upon firearms, to understand the use of code messages, to conduct physical surveillances of subjects of espionage and similar cases, sometimes for periods of many months, and when necessary, to assume a necessary character to enable them to fit in an undercover capacity into the activities and operations of groups such as foreign agents, who are engaged in thwarting the war effort.

The arduousness and importance of the work of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was readily recognized by the military and naval leaders. The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, for the Secretary of the Navy, requested Special Agent employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to submit their resignations from reserve commissions held by them in the naval services because it had been determined that those Special Agents could better serve their country in their present assignments than if they were to be called into active naval service. The Secretary of War, in 1942, addressed personal communications to 168 Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who at that time held reserve commissions in the Army. The Secretary of War at that time advised the Special Agents that their employment in the FBI is of such vital importance to the national defense as to necessitate their remaining at their posts of duty despite the fact that they held reserve commissions in the United States Army, and the request was made that these Agents, through the proper channels, submit their resignations from their commissions.

General Lewis B. Hershey of the Selective Service System pointed out in his Directive to all Local Boards of December 29, 1941, that Special Agent positions of the FBI were most important and essential to the national health, safety, and interests, and that the national defense functions of the FBI should not be impaired by the removal of trained personnel from critical positions in the Bureau.

The position of Special Agent has always been considered the most critical of all positions in the FBI, since, with the tremendous bulk of work placed upon us due to the war emergency, it is essential that a trained qualified staff be available for the handling of this work. If the Federal Bureau of Investigation cannot continue to retain its personnel in this critical position, aid and comfort would most certainly be given to the enemy and others whose interests are inimical to the best interests of the country today.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of January 1944

Notary Public

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February 8, 1944

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous action taken by the Bureau in connection with Special Agent Philip J. Reilly and Special Agent Paul Luther who were demoted in grade and salary because of their dereliction in permitting one [redacted]

[redacted] to carry a loaded revolver [redacted] and in not determining if he had a permit to carry such a weapon. Inasmuch as it now appears the Bureau was not in possession of all of the facts at the time the administrative action was taken, the demotions in grade and salary for these agents have been canceled.

The Bureau is of the opinion that you were extremely lax in failing to report this entire incident fully and promptly. The Los Angeles Office was officially placed on notice by a memorandum dated November 12, 1943, that Special Agent Reilly and Special Agent Luther were aware of the fact [redacted] possessed a revolver. However, you did not call the matter of the Agents' obvious improper actions to the Bureau's attention until [redacted] 1943, which was the date Agent Reilly had been served with a subpoena to appear in defense of [redacted]. It is considered you were extremely derelict in this respect and it is assumed there will be no repetition of similar nature.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover, Director
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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Local Board No 160
San Diego County

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4105 Pacific Highway,
San Diego, 1, California

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

February 5, 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that--

Richard

(First name)

Byrnes

(Middle name)

Hood

(Last name)

Order No. 1,499 has been classified in Class B1B

until August 3, 1944.

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☐ President.

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(Revised 4-29-43)

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(Member or clerk of local board)

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Appeal Procedure

Any person entitled to do so may take an appeal to the board of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of Notice of Classification to registrant in either of the following ways:

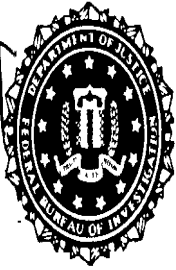
- (1) By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.
- (2) By signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

When an appeal is taken from the classification or reclassification of a registrant and when such appeal is upon the ground that the registrant should have been deferred by reason of his occupation, the appeal shall be transferred to the board of appeal having jurisdiction over the area in which the registrant is employed, provided all of the following conditions are met (but not otherwise):

- (1) The first person to appeal from such classification or reclassification files with his appeal a written request for such transfer;
- (2) The written request states in what respect an occupational question is involved; and
- (3) The written request states the name of the registrant's employer and the street address, county, and State where the registrant is employed.

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal or to the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40) a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred, may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight, and may set out in full any information which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles 13, California
February 8, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: RICHARD BYRNES HOOD
SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Dear Sir:

According to Selective Service Board #160, 4105 Pacific Highway,
San Diego, California, the above-named Special Agent in Charge has been
classified IIB until August 3, 1944.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
R. BOHOD, SAC

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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Local Board No. 103
San Diego, California

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4105 Pacific Highway
San Diego, 1, California

February 17, 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

You are advised that—

Richard Byrnes Hood

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 1,499

has been classified in Class

II A

until August 12, 1944.

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☐ President.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, 13, California
February 18, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: RICHARD BYRNES HOOD
SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Dear Sir:

Local Draft Board No. 160, 4105 Pacific Highway,
San Diego, California, has advised that the above-named Special
Agent in Charge has been classified II A as of February 17, 1944,
until August 12, 1944.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD,
SAC

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February 29, 1944

Mr. E. D. Hood
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I am greatly displeased at your failure and the failure of Special Agent E. O. McCaughey to immediately notify the Bureau by teletype or telephone of the verification of information that Neil McConlogue had been apprehended on February 19th and was in the custody of Post Office Inspectors. The failure of your office to properly handle this information, in accord not only with Bureau regulations but with the dictates of ordinarily good judgment, has resulted in great embarrassment to the Bureau and ridicule in the public press, and has also resulted in the needless waste of a considerable amount of very valuable employees' time. The failure of your office to communicate the fact of McConlogue's apprehension to the Bureau resulted in the Bureau's preparing a great number of wanted circulars on McConlogue and issuing a nationwide press release concerning the Bureau's interest in him, despite the fact that your office had verified the fact that he was in custody. Quite obviously the Bureau cannot tolerate a repetition of an incident of this kind.

Will you express to Special Agent McCaughey my gross dissatisfaction and displeasure at the manner in which he handled this case in your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JWM:FW

TO : W. R. GLAVIN

DATE: 3/9/44

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: RICHARD B. HOOD
SAC - Los Angeles
CAF-14, \$6750
Automatic Promotion

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Gurnea ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. Quinn ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Gandy ✓

Special Agent Hood entered on duty on 9/24/34, was reallocated to CAF-14, \$6500 per annum on 8/1/41 and was afforded a meritorious promotion to \$6750 on 2/1/43 because of outstanding work performed in securing valuable material in connection with certain espionage, sabotage and national defense cases. He is eligible for a \$250 increase under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act as of 4/1/44.

Hood was rated EXCELLENT on the 1943 annual efficiency report. On 8/6/43 he was sent a letter of censure in connection with the Bureau's embarrassment resulting from false information furnished by him to the effect that no Agent in the Los Angeles Office had viewed the Roger Touhy Film at the 20th Century-Fox Film studios when as a matter of fact two Agents had reviewed the film.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SAC Hood be afforded a \$250 increase under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act effective 4/1/44. If approved, his salary will be \$7000.

Ref. to Rep. J. P. Mohr
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March 20, 1944

Mr. Richard A. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 15, California

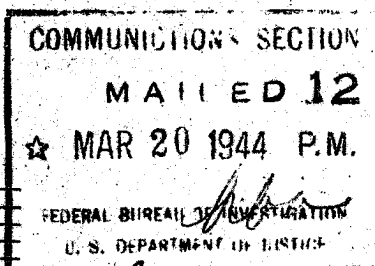
Dear Mr. Hood:

In connection with the Uniform Promotion Act, I am
indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended
for promotion from \$6750 per annum to \$7000 per annum in
Grade CAF 14, effective April 1, 1944.

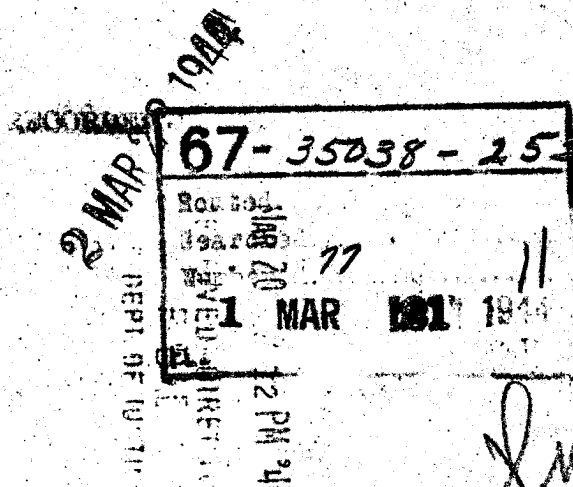
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: CCO: Selective Service



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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: **MR. RICHARD B. HOOD**

Date: **March 20, 1944**

You are advised of the following action concerning your employment in the Department of Justice:

Nature of Action: **Automatic Promotion**

Effective: **April 1, 1944**

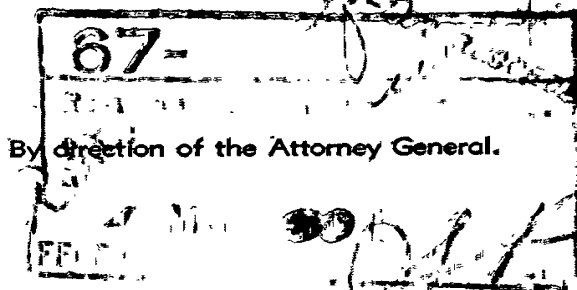
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POSITION	Special Agent	
GRADE	CAF 14	
SALARY	\$6750	\$7000
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DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field	

REMARKS:

Automatic Promotion Bill, Public #200.

New appointees must take oath of office, enter on duty and execute necessary appointment papers before any payment of salary can be made.

This action invalid without perforated signature.



JOHN G. CANNON

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Name: **MR. RICHARD B. HOOD**

Date: **March 20, 1944**

No.

CIVIL SERVICE OR
OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

Nature of Action: **Automatic Promotion**

Effective: **April 1, 1944**

	FROM	TO	NATURE OF POSITION
POSITION	Special Agent		(a) NEW
GRADE	CAF 14		P. C. No.
SALARY	\$6750	\$7300	(b) ADDTNL. IDENT.
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DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field		
			DATE OF OATH

REMARKS:

Automatic Promotion Bill, Public #200.

Mr. Hood was reallocated from Grade CAF 13, \$5600 to Grade CAF 14, \$6500, effective August 1, 1941. He received a meritorious promotion to \$6750 in Grade CAF 14, effective February 1, 1943.

WFO:val

March 31, 1944

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, California

Re: Delinquent Submission
of Expense Account

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Bureau's letter to you under date of March 15, 1944, concerning the delinquent submission of Marie O. Bailey's expense account for the month of December in the amount of \$36.03, no explanation has been received by the Bureau in this regard.

It is necessary that you forward to the Bureau a memorandum prepared by Stenographer Bailey explaining her delinquency no later than April 15, 1944.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

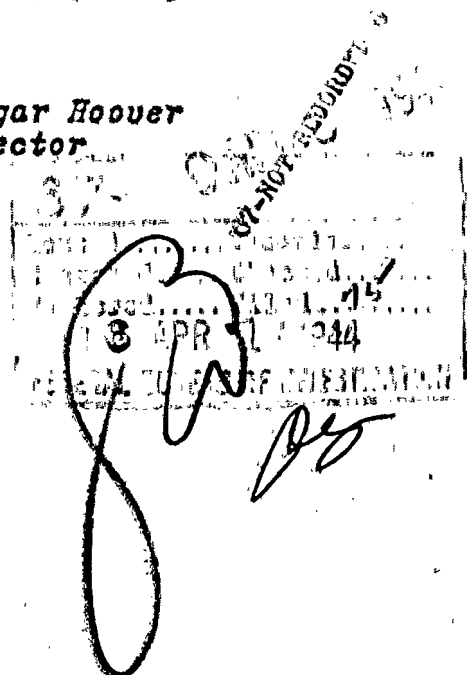
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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MAR 31 1944



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr.
Miss
Mrs.

Mr. Richard B. Hood

Date

March 20, 1944

New appointment ☐Transfer ☐Promotion ☐Separation ☐

PRESENT STATUS

1. Title: Special Agent

2. Grade:

CAF 14

3. Salary: \$6750 per annum

4. Seat of Government: ☐
Field: ☐

5. Division:

6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
(National Defense)

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title: Special Agent

8. Grade:

CAF 14

9. Salary: \$7000 per annum

10. Seat of Government: ☐
Field: ☐

11. Division:

12. Appropriation:

13. Effective: April 1, 1944

14. Position:

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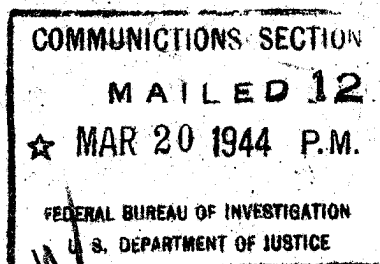
To be promoted under the Automatic Promotion Bill, Public #200. Mr. Hood was reallocated from Grade CAF 13, \$5500 per annum to Grade CAF 14, \$6500 per annum, effective August 1, 1941. He received a meritorious promotion to \$6750 per annum in Grade CAF 14, effective February 1, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

CC: Chief, Audit Section
CCO: Selective Service

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 10, 1944

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SAC RICHARD B. HOOD of the Los Angeles Office, who is attending the SAC Conference ending April 15th has requested to see the Director.

For the Director's information, the attached has been obtained.

1. Brief of SAC Hood's file prepared by the Chief Clerk's Office.
2. Summary of the last inspection of the Los Angeles Office dated June 19, 1942 by Mr. Gurnea.
3. Copy of the outgoing letter to Mr. Hood dated July 9, 1942.

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Mr. Tolson _____
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April 12, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw Special Agent in Charge R. B. HOOD of the Los Angeles Office who is attending the SAC Conference. Mr. Hood makes an excellent personal appearance and seems to be thoroughly in touch with the major problems in his field division. I would rate him above average as an Agent in Charge.

Very truly yours

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TIME	10:00 A.M.
DATE	4-13-44
BY	W.H.

WRG:val

April 4, 1944

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your communication of March 14, 1944, wherein you suggest that the Bureau consider forwarding Service Awards to the various Special Agents in Charge for personal presentation to the interested employee.

The Bureau has carefully considered your suggestion and feels that the present policy should be continued. It is felt if the award were forwarded to the Special Agent in Charge for presentation to the employee, in many instances in the absence of the Special Agent in Charge from the headquarters city, the presentation of the award would be delayed; that the employee might be absent from the city at times which would cause further delay in presenting the award; and that in some instances different presentations would be made which might not have a uniformly good effect in so far as the award is concerned.

Although it is not possible to favorably consider your suggestion, I do want to take this opportunity of expressing to you my sincere appreciation for the interest which you have shown in submitting it to the Bureau.

Sincerely,

W. A. Rorer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California
March 14, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: SERVICE AWARDS

Dear Sir:

At the present time, it is the practice of the Bureau, when service awards are made, to forward them direct to the employee with an appropriate letter from the Director.

It is suggested that the Bureau consider the advisability of forwarding the Service Keys to the Special Agent in Charge in order that they may be awarded by him to the employees in the name of the Director. The personal letter from the Director can be handed to the employee at the same time by the Special Agent in Charge.

It is believed that more recognition can be given to the employees for their services by having the award made in this manner, and there would be many instances when other employees could be called in to witness the award. It is believed this would have a good effect upon other employees.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB

R. B. HOOD, SAC.

For your information, the stop notice was adopted as a Bureau administrative device to provide the Special Agent in Charge and administrative staff of field offices with a current list of all outstanding stop notices divided geographically for ready reference. Were your suggestion adopted, it appears that there would be much difficulty in determining at the time the stop notice was placed whether the stop notice should remain outstanding when the case is closed.

Sincerely yours,

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Director, FBI

June 28, 1944

R. B. HOOD, SAC, Los Angeles

STOP NOTICES

At the present time there are maintained approximately four hundred stop notice cards in the Chief Clerk's Office of the Los Angeles Field Division. A suggestion is made to the Bureau that instead of preparing these stop notice cards as is now done, immediately upon the placing of the stop notice with an agency, the cards not be prepared at all unless when the case is closed the stop notice should remain outstanding. This would place the responsibility on the individual Agent and on the supervisor to see that the stop notices are removed at the time the cases are closed; however, they would have to be certain that if the stop notice should remain outstanding, the stop notice card would then be prepared. This would, in this office, eliminate approximately three quarters of the stop notice cards now maintained.

I would appreciate being advised of the Bureau's ideas on this matter at an early date.

RBH:ESP

COPY

June 17, 1944

Mr. R. B. HOOD
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Dick:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write on June 9, 1944, and enclose with your letter clippings from various Los Angeles newspapers concerning the June 8th interview. I was glad to have your warm sentiments concerning the support provided by the employees assigned to your office and by those attached to the Seat of Government. I personally feel that you have done a grand job in Los Angeles, and I know that you will continue the Bureau's work in this same splendid spirit and manner as in the past.

I am grateful for the many courtesies rendered me while in California.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California

June 9, 1944

Personal

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing copies of press dispatches from the Los Angeles papers, reflecting the interview had with you by the local press representatives on June 8, 1944.

I do want to express to you my sincere appreciation for the complimentary remarks concerning my handling of the Los Angeles Office. It is most encouraging to receive this recognition from you. I realize, however, that the accomplishments of the office have been due to the splendid efforts put forth by the individual employees and to the excellent support afforded every one of us by you and your associates at the Seat of Government.

You may be assured that I will continue my endeavors to administer the affairs of the office to your complete satisfaction.

Hoping that your stay in California is most enjoyable and profitable, I remain

Sincerely yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

RBH;AB

MWA:BG

July 8, 1944

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Your suggestion that a rubber stamp be used on the inside of the file back of each investigative file in the office, for the purpose of affording the field supervisor a definite place to indicate that the file has been reviewed at a certain time, has been thoroughly considered by the Bureau. Similar suggestions have been considered in the past and made the subject of some research.

It is felt that the advantage of this additional administrative step would not offset the extra work entailed in preparing and furnishing to each office a rubber stamp of this nature, applying it to over 100,000 investigative case files and requiring each field supervisor to make appropriate notations. The present requirement that the file copy of outgoing communications bear the initial of the field supervisor who approved the report or letter for the Special Agent in Charge, as well as the practice of making notations as to the date when routing slips are sent to the agent to whom the case is assigned, will suffice and adequately fix responsibility for the supervision of the case.

Although the Bureau is unable to adopt your suggestion, I do want to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Approved by Executive Conference, 7/4/44, those present being Messrs. Tolson, E. A. Tamm, Q. Tamm, Nichols, Coffey, Ladd, Mumford, Rosen and Leera.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Los Angeles, California
June 1, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: SUGGESTED FORM FOR RUBBER STAMP TO BE
PLACED ON INSIDE OF FILE BACK IN EACH
INVESTIGATIVE FILE PENDING IN OFFICE.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a suggested form which would be in the nature of a rubber stamp and would be placed on the inside of the file back in each investigative file pending in the office. The purpose of such a stamp would be to afford the Supervisor a definite place to indicate that the file had been reviewed as of a certain time, and it would be ascertained exactly what portion of the file had been checked. This would be of special value in connection with major investigations, where the files grow so rapidly.

The Selective Service Supervisor in this office thinks it would be of great value to him in running ticklers on his cases, where there is a considerable amount of correspondence carried on, and most of the files grow quite rapidly when active investigations are being conducted.

It is realized that any Supervisor could place the date on the top serial, or some other place on the file, indicating when he last looked at it, but it has occurred to the Supervisors in this office that it would be better to have a uniform practice, and they believe that there is sufficient merit in it to submit it to the Bureau for appropriate consideration, because it would be applicable in all offices. If adopted, the file backs could be stamped and a supply of them maintained by the Chief Clerk's Office.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB
Encs. 8

R. B. HOOD, SAC.

**SUGGESTED FORM FOR RUBBER STAMP TO BE PLACED ON INSIDE OF FILE BACK
IN EACH INVESTIGATIVE FILE PENDING IN OFFICE**

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Hilda F. Hood Address C/o field office to which assigned
Relationship wife Dated April 1, 1944

Very truly yours,

ack. 4-18-44
mlh

Richard B. Howe
Special Agent

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RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NAME Hood, Richard B. AGE 35 YEARS, 7 MONTHS
NATIVITY (state of birth) Pa. MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED: married NUMBER OF CHILDREN 0
FAMILY HISTORY Father died at age 65 sclorosis of liver.

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Tonsillectomy-1928; occasional hemorrhoids
pneumonia, measles, chicken pox, strep throat twice.

HEAD AND FACE

EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) normal L/A

DISTANT VISION RT. 20/ 40, corrected to 20/ 15

LT. 20/ 400, corrected to 20/ 15

COLOR PERCEPTION good

(state edition of Stilling's plates or lamps used)

DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS Myopia

EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15/15'

LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15' CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH 15/15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS n

NOSE n

(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)

SINUSES n

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS n

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect): normal

MISSING TEETH 1, 23, 24, 25

NONVITAL TEETH n

PERIAPICAL DISEASE n

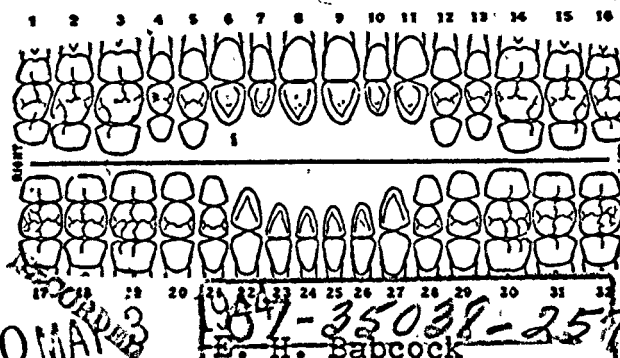
MARKED MALOCCLUSION n

PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS n

TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES 23, 24, 25

DENTURES n

REMARKS n



GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE medium

TEMPERATURE 98.6

CHEST AT EXPIRATION 35 Number 35

HEIGHT 69

CHEST AT INSPIRATION 39 APR 23 1944

WEIGHT 176

CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 34 INVESTIGATION

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE n

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS n

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) n

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) n

THORAX (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) n
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. n

CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM n
HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) n

PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE 88 BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC 130
AFTER EXERCISE 104 DIASTOLIC 82
THREE MINUTES AFTER 88
CONDITION OF ARTERIES good CHARACTER OF PULSE regular
CONDITION OF VEINS n HEMORRHOIDS n

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) n

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM n
URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.015 ALB. n SUGAR n MICROSCOPICAL n
VENEREAL DISEASE n

NERVOUS SYSTEM n
(organic or functional disorders)
ROMBERG n INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) n
REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL n DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) n TREMORS n
SEROLOGICAL TESTS Kahn Neg. BLOOD TYPE n
ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries) n

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION 1939
TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES 1939
DATE OF LAST COURSE 1939-1

REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE n

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS visual defect, corrected; missing teeth

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING any PHYSICAL EXERTION
IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS
WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS yes (yes or no)
(when no is given state cause) n

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary) n

Phys. qual.

DATE OF EXAMINATION 4/14/44

H. E. Little

67-35038-256
R. B. HOOD
Killed into
Administrative Files

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NPC:td

May 1, 1944

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Quantico, Virginia, on April 14, 1944.

This report reflects the following physical defects:

*Defective vision in the right eye
20/40 - left eye 20/400; corrected
to 20/15 in both eyes.*

The Board of Examining Physicians makes the following recommendations:

*Vaccination for smallpox.
Inoculation for typhoid.
Inoculation for tetanus.*

It reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion, and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
April 25, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
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Mr. Ladd ✓
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Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Mumford ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Dear Mr. Hoover: RE: ADULT AUTHORITY IN CALIFORNIA

New legislation has recently been passed in the State of California, setting up an Adult Authority with three members, each at a salary of \$10,000.00. They are to actually direct the Pardon and Parole System by making recommendations to the Governor of the state in connection with all pardons and paroles that are considered. In addition, they also have the task of checking sentences of any type of case.

Judge ISAAC PACHT of Los Angeles was chairman of the old board, and he was active in the drafting of the new legislation and has, at the request of Governor EARL WARREN, made a study of the Federal System of Pardons and Paroles, and reportedly the new legislation is the result of all of this study.

On April 24, 1944, Judge PACHT communicated with me and stated he was desirous of submitting a recommendation to the Governor for membership in the Adult Authority, and he offered me this position. I thanked him for the honor of being considered for such work, but pointed out to him that I could not be interested in any employment outside of the Bureau at the present time.

I thought you would like to know that Judge PACHT had approached me in connection with this matter, and you may be assured that I am not at all interested in the position.

RBH:AB



*Letter Head
EOM
5-5-44*

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truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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May 8, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. E. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Dick:

I appreciate very much your letter of April 25, 1944, and your expressions of loyalty and confidence when Judge Isaac Pacht approached you regarding a position in the Adult Authority of California. It was typically thoughtful of you to advise me of the facts of the matter and I am glad that our associations will remain the same.

With the very kindest personal regards, in charge who could not financially better themselves and it is the spirit of ~~dedication~~ ^{sincerity} in your duty and loyalty to an ideal which has ~~bound~~ ^{drawn} us together to fight for a common ~~cause~~ ^{goal}.

With the very kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

May 22, 1944

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles, (13) California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau has given very careful consideration to your suggestion that a Special Agent in Charge be authorized to sign certificates issued by local police schools to police officers upon the completion of a local course.

As a matter of policy, the Bureau has discouraged the issuance of diplomas in local police schools, because most of these schools are of short duration, and the receipt of a diploma by an officer may tend to curb his interest in attending further schools, and result in an unjustifiable belief that he has received complete training. It has also been felt that the issuance of large numbers of diplomas locally might tend to lessen the significance of diplomas certifying to the completion of a really adequate course of training, such as might be received at the FBI National Academy.

The Bureau has recognized, however, that many chiefs of police will desire to issue certificates, and the Bureau does not desire to object to such a practice whenever a local chief of police feels that it would be desirable to do so. In such instances, the Bureau does not object to having included in the phraseology of the certificate appropriate language to indicate that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has cooperated in the

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With reference to the question of having the signature of the Special Agent in Charge on the certificate, the Bureau believes that there is no necessity for requiring the Special Agent in Charge to sign such certificates; and that on the whole, it would probably be better not to encourage

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Mr. R. E. Hood

such a policy.

Permit me to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion. As you have requested, the field is being informed, by bulletin, of the Bureau's desires in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL: REGULAR (X) SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of March 31, 1944 based on performance during period from April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944

R. B. Hood

(Name of employee)

Special Agent in Charge

(Title of position, service, and grade)

CAF-14

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Los Angeles Field Division

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐ All others ☐
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- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
----- (2) Mechanical skill.
----- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
----- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
----- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
----- (7) Accuracy of operations.
----- (8) Accuracy of final results.
----- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
----- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
----- (11) Industry.
----- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
----- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? -----)
----- (14) Ability to organize his work. (Yes or no)
----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
----- (16) Cooperativeness.
----- (17) Initiative.
----- (18) Resourcefulness.
----- (19) Dependability.
----- (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
----- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
----- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
----- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
----- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
----- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
----- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
----- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
----- (30) Ability to make decisions.
----- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- (A) -----
----- (B) -----
----- (C) -----

STANDARD

Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

- Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.

Adjective rating

Excellent

Very good

Good

Fair

Unsatisfactory

Rating official

Reviewing official

Rated by

(Signature of rating official)

Assistant Director

(Title)

March 31, 1944

(Date)

Reviewed by

(Signature of reviewing official)

Federal Bureau of Investigation

(Title)

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(Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee

(Date)

Report to employee

(Adjective rating)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Quantico, Virginia
April 22, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

RE: SAC R. B. HOOD
FIREARMS ABILITY

During the SAC's conference of April 10, 1944 the above named Special Agent in Charge received firearms training at Quantico, Virginia for a period of three days. During this period the writer had an opportunity to observe SAC Hood as to his ability to handle firearms on the range and in field stripping Bureau firearms for cleaning and inspecting purposes. On the range SAC Hood fired the following average record scores:

HIP SHOOTING	96
P. P. C.	90
SHOT GUN	100
.30 CAL. RIFLE	82
MACHINE GUN	85

SAC Hood has the necessary force and knowledge to conduct Field Office firearms training in a manner that would entitle him to a rating in firearms ability as good.

Respectfully,

Henry L. Sloan
Henry L. Sloan

HLS/cep

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Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Starke _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____



WMW:VED

RICHARD B. HOOD

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San Diego

ASSIGNED TO
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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San Diego

California

OCCUPATION:

The above-named registrant is a Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and holds a key position within the meaning of Executive Order 9309.

It is requested that the above-named registrant, who is employed by an agency in or under the Federal Government, be classified in Class II-A or Class II-B by reason of the fact that he is regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety, or interest, or an activity in war production, and is 30 years of age or over; or has been found disqualified for any military service; or qualified for limited military service only.

Registrant's status:

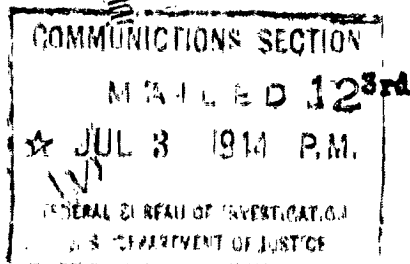
- ☒ Registrant has reached his 30th birthday
- ☐ Registrant has been found disqualified for any military service
- ☐ Registrant has been found qualified for limited military service only

Agency Stamp:

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U. S. I.
F. B.
U. S. I.
7/3/44

J. Edgar Hoover

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Miss Gandy



Washington, D. C.

8 JUL 6 1944
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JUL 17 1944
Notary Public

CC: Review Committee, War Manpower Commission
SAC, Los Angeles

CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

App. Not Req.



SELECTIVE SERVICE
LOCAL BOARD #160
4105 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

July 19, 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Richard

(First name)

Byrne RECORDED

(Middle name)

1944 Hood

(Last name)

Order No. 1,499 has been classified in Class II-A

until January 12, 1945
(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☐ President.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

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LOCAL BOARD #160
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
Eulah M. [Signature]

Appeal Procedure

Any person entitled to do so may take an appeal to the board of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of Notice of Classification to registrant in either of the following ways:

- (1) By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.
- (2) By signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal or to the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40) a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred, may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight, and may set out in full any information which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name HILDA F. HOOD Address Los Angeles Field Division
Relationship Wife Dated July 31, 1944

Very truly yours,

Special Agent

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mbb*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 25, 1944

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: Richard B. Hood
Selective Service Status

According to information received from Local Board No. 160 at 4105 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California, the above-named was classified II-A until January 12, 1945.

RBH:AB

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Handwritten:
M. C. Cull
10/1/44

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Prepared by:
Checked by:
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August 26, 1944

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

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Dear Mr. Hood:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 17, 1944, transmitting a form completed by you regarding

Please be advised the Bureau has no objection to your furnishing the information contained in the inquiry and it has, therefore, been forwarded to the Navy Department.

Sincerely yours,

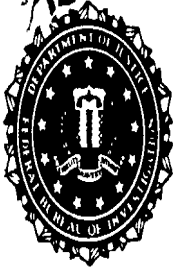
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Miss Gandy

Aug 26 1944



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
August 17, 1944

Director, FBI

RE:

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b7C

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an executed confidential inquiry received from the Navy Department concerning the above individual who is a personal acquaintance of mine.

In the event this meets with the Bureau's approval, it is requested that it be mailed from Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

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Enc.

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JAC:ER

SAC, LOS ANGELES

AUGUST 19, 1944

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORMS FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Reference is made to your communication of August 5, 1944, submitting a form for the purpose of making local criminal record checks. The Bureau is presently making a survey of the forms submitted by the Special Agents in Charge while in attendance at the Special Agent in Charge Conference. The form submitted by you will be considered and, in the event of its approval, you will be so advised.

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HHC

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Director, FBI

August 5, 1944

SAC, Los Angeles

FORM FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Reference is made to previous correspondence regarding the use of a form for the purpose of making local criminal record checks. To date, such a form has not been approved by the Bureau.

At the Suggestion Forum on July 22, 1944, in connection with the Selective Service Supervisors Conference at the Bureau, Special Agent WILLIAM J. MC CORMICK suggested the use of a form for this purpose, and it was requested that a copy of the proposed form, together with reasons for its adoption be again submitted to the Bureau. Attached hereto is a copy of this form and below are listed the reasons for the request for its adoption:

1. It permits one agent to handle all local criminal checks. This obviates the necessity of a large number of agents checking the local records of the police department each day, thereby saving agents' time as well as aiding local authorities in their handling of this service.
2. It has proved necessary in an office of this size and can also be used by smaller offices, thereby allowing its use throughout the field, and thus making for uniformity in handling these matters.
3. If approved, it could become a serial and thus a permanent record of the check will remain in the appropriate file.
4. It is sufficiently flexible to enable its use in any field office in connection with any sheriff's office or police department record check.

In event the Bureau does not approve this particular form, it is requested that a new one be devised which is suitable, for the main need of the office is to utilize some type of a form for this service.

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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SELECTIVE SERVICE
LOCAL BOARD #160
4805 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

August 26, 1944

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Richard

(First name)

Bynes

(Middle name)

Hood

(Last name)

Order No. 1499

has been classified in Class II-A 2

until 1-12-45

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(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☐ Local Board.

☒ Board of Appeal (by vote of 3 to 0).

☐ President.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 2, 1944

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: Richard Byrnes Hood
Selective Service Status

Local Board #160 at 4105 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California has advised that the above named was classified II-A on August 26, 1944 by the Board of Appeal until January 12, 1945.

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September 15, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw Special Agent in Charge RICHARD B. HOOD of the Los Angeles Office. Mr. Hood makes an excellent personal appearance. He is above average as a Special Agent in Charge. Mr. Hood is not a particularly outwardly aggressive individual, but would be the type that I would characterize as a safe and plodding one who would be looking after the interests of the Bureau and see that it did not become involved in any difficulties.

Very truly yours

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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Mr. Ladd _____
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September 18, 1944

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Dick:

On September 24th you will complete your tenth year of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I want to extend to you my sincere and hearty congratulations on your anniversary. It is a real pleasure to send to you the enclosed Ten Year Service Award Key in recognition of your achievement.

You have had an opportunity during the past decade to witness the Bureau's growth from a small organization to one of prominence and respect. You may well take pride in the knowledge that your diligent efforts and numerous personal sacrifices have been a material contribution to the growth and success of the organization. Through much hard work and conscientious devotion to duty, you have won the respect of those associated with you and have set an example for them. I do want you to know that I am deeply appreciative of your unbounded loyalty and the splendid manner in which you have performed your duties.

I do hope that our association and friendship in the FBI will continue for many more years to come.

With all good wishes,

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Glavin

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: RICHARD B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles Field Division

DATE: September 9, 1944

Special Agent in Charge Hood is to report to the Seat of Government on September 13, 1944, for a two day conference. There is attached hereto a permanent brief of his file. In addition the Director may be interested in the following information concerning this SAC:

Mr. Hood entered on duty 9/24/34, served as an Agent throughout the country, as a supervisor at the Seat of Government and as Special Agent in Charge at Knoxville, New Orleans, San Diego and Los Angeles. The chief criticism leveled against Mr. Hood during his early days in the Bureau was his cold, Germanic personality, and the fact that he made a very youthful appearance.

Mr. Hood was originally designated Special Agent in Charge at Los Angeles on February 7, 1939, was transferred as Special Agent in Charge at San Diego on May 5, 1940 and since October 28, 1940 has been at Los Angeles as Special Agent in Charge.

Mr. Hood is extremely hard working as will be borne out by the fact that the Director personally wrote him a letter on September 22, 1939, instructing him to discontinue putting in so much overtime.

The Bureau directed a letter to him on June 16, 1941, criticizing the attitude of the West Coast Special Agents in Charge as reflected by the comments to Assistant Director Foxworth at San Francisco on May 27, 1941.

The Director will recall that in the early days of the national emergency it was necessary for the Bureau to criticize Mr. Hood for his dilatory practice of dealing with the Military and Naval authorities on the West Coast.

Mr. Hood was commended in September, 1941, for his assistance to the Attorney General during his visit to the West Coast. In January, 1942, the Director personally addressed a letter to Mr. Hood censuring him for not having ascertained that the Army and Navy on the West Coast had made formal complaint to Washington that the Bureau was not capable of discharging its responsibility in connection with investigating matters pertaining to the emergency.

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The Los Angeles Office was last inspected by Mr. Gurnea in June, 1942, at which time he reported the conditions there were very, very satisfactory and that SAC Hood was doing a very good job.

On July 14, 1942, the Americanization Committee of the American Legion Department of California cited Mr. Hood for his outstanding work in the Los Angeles Community.

On August 6, 1943, the Bureau censured Mr. Hood for his failure to furnish information when requested that two Agents of his office had reviewed the Roger Touhy film at the 20th Century Fox Film Studio. His failure to properly report that this film had been reviewed by Agents in his office resulted in the Bureau denying that it had been reviewed by Agents as reported by Variety Magazine when in fact two Agents of the Los Angeles Office had seen portions of the film. In November, 1943, the Bureau censured Mr. Hood for his failure to recommend an Agent be dismissed with prejudice when this Agent was cognizant that a fellow Agent was drunk and failed to report it to Mr. Hood.

In February, 1944, the Bureau pointed out its displeasure at his failure and the failure of the supervisor in his office to advise the Bureau of the apprehension of a badly wanted fugitive. As a result of their failure in this instance the Bureau issued a wanted flier on this fugitive who was already in the custody of the Post Office Department and this fact was known to the Los Angeles Office.

The Director interviewed Mr. Hood on April 11, 1944 and reported that he made an excellent appearance, seemed to be thoroughly in touch with the major problems in his field division and rated him above average. By letter dated April 25, 1944, Mr. Hood advised the Bureau that he had declined an offer of \$10,000 a year as an employee of the Adult Authority Committee which was to direct the Pardon Parole System of the State of California.

In connection with the Bureau letter of July 21, 1944, concerning the recommendation of the separation of weaker Agents, it was necessary to correspond with SAC Hood pointing out the discrepancy of the annual rating of Good with the Fair rating submitted as a result of the Bureau letter.

Mr. Hood's file reflects that he is highly regarded by public officials and private people in the Los Angeles area.

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October 7, 1944

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Sir:

Careful consideration has been given to the matter involving the delay in obtaining dependents allowance checks in connection with a Fraud Against the Government case and, as you are already aware, a good portion of the delay was the result of improper handling on the part of the Los Angeles Office.

The Bureau was extremely displeased over the embarrassment caused by the needless delay in this instance and is concerned over the apparent lack of proper supervision in the Los Angeles Office.

It is expected that you will immediately rectify any situation of this nature which may exist and that a similar instance will not occur again.

Truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: SAC R. B. Hood

DATE: October 14, 1944

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

While in Los Angeles I had a long talk with SAC Hood. He is extremely enthusiastic. He is thoroughly loyal and appears to be very well thought of. I received many favorable comments on him.

Hood asked my personal advice on the matter of buying a house. He stated that property values are beginning to go down, and he realized, of course, that there was probably very little that anybody in the Bureau could tell him as so many of our positions depend upon contingencies that arise. I told him that of course it would be a gamble and it would be a decision he would have to make himself.

While talking to Mr. Hood on other matters this morning I told him that his conversation with reference to the purchasing of a home had been discussed with the Director and that the Director had stated while there were no plans to transfer him at the moment what the future would bring was not within the Director's province to predict at the moment, and that if he did want to go ahead and buy a house that he should do so bearing in mind all of the factors and considering it as a gamble. He stated that he appreciated this additional information, that he of course fully realized all the factors, and that there was little definite information that anybody could give him on the matter.

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December 15, 1944

Mr. E. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Dick:

I wanted to advise you that I have recommended you for a meritorious promotion in the amount of \$250.

I am most appreciative, both officially and personally, of the splendid assistance which you have rendered during the national emergency in connection with the responsibilities of the FBI in the national defense field. It was a distinct pleasure for me to be able to recommend you for the promotion, which you justly deserve.

Permit me to take this opportunity to express to you my very best wishes for Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CT:DSS

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: December 15, 1944

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT: R. B. HOOD, SAC, LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Mr. Hood was last promoted to pay 14 \$7000 per annum on April 1, 1944. This was an automatic promotion. It is recommended that Mr. Hood be accorded a \$250 meritorious promotion at this time.

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December 15, 1944

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your suggestion that the data required to be placed on the reverse side of daily reports no longer be required. This is to advise you that this suggestion is being submitted to a number of Bureau employees in the field for their views, after which it will be given further consideration.

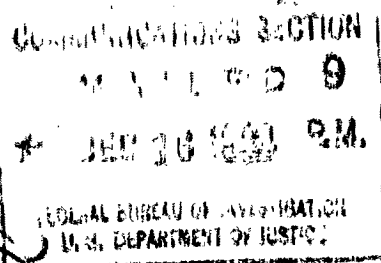
Your thoughtfulness in bringing this matter to my attention is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Approved by the Executive Conference on December 14, 1944, Messrs, Tolson, Glavin, Tracy, Nichols, Hendon, Coffey, Ladd, Rosen, and Clegg being present.

cc: Mr. Clegg
Mr. Hendon

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

December 4, 1944

SAC, Los Angeles

DAILY REPORTS

The suggestion is offered to the Bureau that the space on the reverse side of daily reports no longer be filled in by Special Agents. In view of the numerous contacts that are now made with law enforcement agencies, it is believed that the filling in of the information on the back of the report is not of the value that it once was. Sufficient information is contained in the body of the daily report to show that these contacts are made.

It is also recommended that the requirement that information relative to complaints filed not be included on the back of the daily reports. This is of little practical value for, by the time the daily report is received, the information is old and cannot be used for possible press releases. The information is never used and it is believed that this is one place where there can be a reduction in the amount of administrative work required of the Agents in the field.

It is, therefore, requested that favorable consideration be given to the recommendation that there be no required information set forth on the reverse side of the daily reports.

RBH:AB

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr.
Miss
Mrs.

Date

Mr. Richard B. Hood

December 18, 1944

New appointment ☐

Transfer ☐

Promotion ☐

Separation ☐

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PRESENT STATUS

1. Title:

2. Grade:

3. Salary:

Special Agent
\$7000 per annum

4. Seat of Government:
Field:

CAF 14
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5. Division:

6. Appropriation:

"Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
(National Defense)

PROPOSED ACTION

7. Title:

8. Grade:

9. Salary:

Special Agent
\$7250 per annum

10. Seat of Government:
Field:

CAF 14
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11. Division:

12. Appropriation:

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13. Effective:

December 18, 1944

14. Position:

"Salaries and Expenses, FBI"
(National Defense)
Vice:
Identical:

15. Remarks:

This action is being taken because of meritorious services performed by this Agent, he having exercised outstanding initiative in the performance of his regularly assigned duties. Promoted from Grade CAF 14, \$6750 per annum to Grade CAF 14, \$7000 per annum.

cc-CCO-Selective Service April 1, 1944.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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R. B. HOOD

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

ENTERED ON DUTY

September 24, 1934

SALARY

\$7,000

OFFICE OF PREFERENCE

None

EXAMINATION SET NO. 7

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INSPECTOR HARBO:

SAC Hood (makes a very good appearance and has a forceful personality.) In my opinion he is definitely above average as an Agent in Charge. He is a hard worker and I believe he is thoroughly loyal. He has developed and maintained good contacts in a variety of fields. Generally, he runs a very good office. Investigative operations were rated only as Fair because of the fact that Selective Service cases could be rated only Fair due to numerous incomplete investigations. However, this was partially the result of insufficient personnel available for assignment to these cases. In matters other than Selective Service I would rate the office as Very Good in investigative operations. He is a strict administrator and holds the respect of the employees. Good relations exist with law enforcement authorities. In his grade I rate him as Very Good at present.

Inspection Report
Los Angeles Office
Inspector Harbo
November 22, 1944

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Name: MR. RICHARD B. HOOD

Date: December 16, 1944

You are advised of the following action concerning your employment in the Department of Justice:

Nature of Action: PAY INCREASE (Especially Meritorious)

Effective: December 16, 1944

	FROM	TO
POSITION	Special Agent	Special Agent
GRADE	CAF 14	CAF 14
SALARY	\$7000	\$7250
BUREAU OR DIVISION		
HEADQUARTERS		
APPROPRIATION	S&E, FBI, NATL. DEF.	S&E, FBI, NATL. DEF.
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field	Field

REMARKS:

Meritorious Promotion under act of August 1, 1941. Public #200. This action is being taken because of meritorious services performed by this Agent, he having exercised outstanding initiative in their performance of his regularly assigned duties. Promoted from CAF 14, \$6750 to CAF 14, \$7000 April 1, 1944.

By direction of the Attorney General.

New appointees must take oath of office, enter on duty and execute necessary appointment papers before any payment of salary can be made.

JOHN Q CANNON

RICHARD B. HOOD

1499

36 (August 28, 1908)

OCCUPATION: 160 San Diego San Diego California

Mr. Hood is the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and holds a key position within the Bureau of Executive Order 1300.

It is requested that the above-named registrant, who is employed by an agency in or under the Federal Government, be classified in Class II-A or Class II-B by reason of the fact that he is regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety, or interest, or an activity in war production, and is 30 years of age or over; or has been found disqualified for any military service; or qualified for limited military service only.

Registrant's status:

XXX Registrant has reached his 30th birthday

 Registrant has been found disqualified for any military service

 Registrant has been found qualified for limited military service only

Agency Stamp:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice

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Los Angeles Security Building

California

J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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January 2, 1945

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CC: Review Committee, War Manpower Commission
 SAC-Los Angeles

300 W. 8 Street
Los Angeles 5, Calif.
January 2, 1945

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mohr

It is very difficult for me to express my feeling on receiving your kind letter of December 15 advising of your recommendation for my increase in salary. It was most unexpected, and to receive it at this time meant more to me than you know.

When I look at the fine record of the Bureau in its war work, it is most gratifying to know that I have had a part in it. I wish it were possible for people in the country to know more the Bureau's contribution to the war and of the many great things planned and carried out by you to make the Bureau's work so effective. Certainly I will do all I can to let people know the things that can be told and which go far to increase the Bureau and your own prestige with the Public.

I hope to have the privilege of working
for you and the Bureau many more years and
that I can continue to merit the confidence
you have placed in me.

With every good wish for you,

Sincerely,

Robert L. Howard

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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SELECTIVE SERVICE
LOCAL BOARD #169
4105 PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

January 15, 1945

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that—

Richard Byrnes

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 169

has been classified in Class

until July 2, 1945

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☐ President.

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(Revised 12-10-43)

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(Member or clerk of local board)

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Appeal Procedure

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Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Jan. 18, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: Richard B. Hood
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I am classified 2-A until July 2, 1945, by action of
Local Board 160 at 4105 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to February 10, 1945, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~TREASURY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

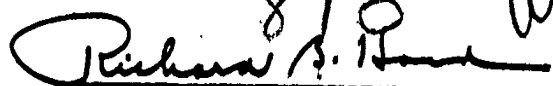
The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Hilda F. Hood Address C/o Los Angeles Field Division
Relationship wife Dated January 15, 1945

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Hilda F. Hood Address C/o Los Angeles Field Division
Relationship wife Dated January 15, 1945

Very truly yours,

ack 2/10/45

Special Agent

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February 24, 1945

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Dick:

My attention has been called to your splendid work on the Dinup Case.

From the beginning you afforded this matter very careful attention and in its latter stages, you efficiently handled many problems which arose. You may well be proud of the outstanding results attained and I do want to personally commend you for the exemplary manner in which the investigation of the case was handled in the Los Angeles Division.

Sincerely,

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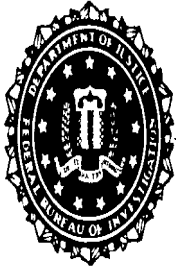
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United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
March 13, 1945

Director, FBI

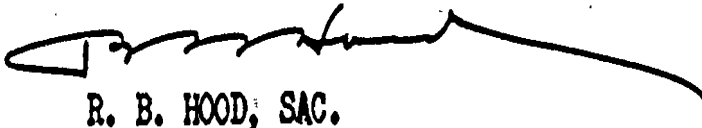
Re: RICHARD BYRNES HOOD, SAC
Selective Service Status

Dear Sir:

Local Board #160, Room 274 Spreckles Building, San Diego, California, advised that the above-named has been classified 11-A by the Board of Appeal until July 2, 1945.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB


R. B. HOOD, SAC.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

February 20, 1945

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

It is my sincere and earnest desire to express to you the appreciation of this office for the successful handling by your Department of the case involving thefts from dining cars by the various individuals in the employ of our Dining Car and Hotel Department.

You, of course, are familiar with the length and amount of time taken by these investigations and the splendid handling by your Los Angeles Field Office, under the supervision of Mr. R. B. Hood, and his assistants, particularly Special Agent Jerome J. O'Driscoll, whose untiring efforts were a great factor in developing and unfolding the necessary information needed to bring the case to a satisfactory conclusion.

The pleasure of working with Mr. O'Driscoll and Mr. Hood, regardless of the fact long hours were involved, is something the members of this Department who assisted will long remember. It is certainly easy to understand the success of your Department when contact and association is had with men of the calibre of the aforementioned individuals, in addition to the many others who had a hand in this investigation.

I wish to thank you again for your many kindnesses to our Department and assure you of our desire to cooperate with you and your men at all times.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Little,
District Special Agent.

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SAC, Los Angeles

February 26, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Undercover Assignment to Soviet Russia

R. B. Hood

Reference is made to your letter in the above-entitled matter dated February 14, 1945, in which you suggested that a Bureau Agent might be introduced into Russia in an undercover capacity with Artie Shaw's band. It is deemed inadvisable to adopt this suggestion at the present time because it is obvious that Shaw's organization, should it tour Russia, will be under extremely close surveillance at all times and that little or no freedom of action would be given an Agent attached to it. Coupled with this is the fact that there would be no means of communicating with this Agent, giving him leads or obtaining from him the results of investigations while he was on this trip. Therefore, it is felt that little, if any, value would accrue to the Bureau from such an assignment.

Your suggestion is appreciated, however, and will be kept in mind should conditions change in such a way as to permit like assignment in the future.

9 MAR 22 1945

Los Angeles, California
February 14, 1945

Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

RE: UNDER-COVER ASSIGNMENT
TO SOVIET RUSSIA

There is attached hereto the column of LOUELLA O. PARSONS which appeared in the Los Angeles Examiner of February 12th. Your attention is invited to the last item in her column to the effect that ARTIE SHAW will take his band to Soviet Russia on tour.

The suggestion is offered to the Bureau that this might be an excellent opportunity of placing an Agent in that country in an under-cover capacity. No inquiries have been made concerning the present whereabouts of this band; however, it does spend a great deal of time on the West Coast and in the event the Bureau is interested in having me do so, I will be pleased to discuss this matter personally with SHAW.

Very truly yours,

RBH:AB
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/ R. B. HOOD, SAC.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL: X
REGULAR SPECIAL { }
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD { }

As of MARCH 31, 1945 based on performance during period from April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945
R. B. HOOD SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE CAF-14, \$7250

(Name of employee)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(Title of position, service, and grade)
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE		CHECK ONE:
V if adequate	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A.	Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐
- if weak	2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position.	All others ☐
+ if outstanding	3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	

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- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
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 - (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
 - (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
 - (7) Accuracy of operations.
 - (8) Accuracy of final results.
 - (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
 - (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
 - (11) Industry.
 - (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
 - (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? (Yes or no))
 - (14) Ability to organize his work.
 - (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
 - (16) Cooperativeness.
 - (17) Initiative.
 - (18) Resourcefulness.
 - (19) Dependability.
 - (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
- (30) Ability to make decisions.
- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)

STANDARD

Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.....
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Reviewing official

Rated by Telegraph ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MARCH 14, 1945
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)
Reviewed by Clyde A. Tolson ASS'T. TO THE DIRECTOR MARCH 31, 1945
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)
Rating approved by efficiency rating committee Report to employee
(Date) (Adjective rating)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO :

MRS. WOOD *pkw/jah*

DATE: May 18, 1945.

FROM :

MR. GLAVIN

SUBJECT:

SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Division while discussing other matters with me advised that he has been ill and would not be in the office for the remainder of the week beginning Friday, May 18th; that he would be back in the office next Monday.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Miss Beahn	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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RICHARD BYRNES HOOD

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August 28, 1908 (36)

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San Diego

San Diego

California

OCCUPATION: Mr. Hood is the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and holds a key position within the meaning of Executive Order 9309.

It is requested that the above-named registrant, who is employed by an agency in or under the Federal Government, be classified in Class II-A or Class II-B by reason of the fact that he is regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety, or interest, or an activity in war production, and is 30 years of age or over; or has been found disqualified for any military service; or qualified for limited military service only.

Registrant's status:

☒ Registrant has reached his 30th birthday

☐ Registrant has been found disqualified for any military service

☐ Registrant has been found qualified for limited military service only

Agency Stamp:

6-4-45

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice

900 Security Building

Los Angeles

California

J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

June 4, 1945

CC: Review Committee, War Manpower Commission

CC: SAC - Los Angeles

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~~TECHNICAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

I shall hold you personally responsible for seeing that there is no repetition in the future of this kind of inexcusable error. You will, of course, communicate to the Bureau immediately any further developments which may arise as a result of this incident.

J. Edgar Hoover

Edgar Hoover
Director

Director's pen notation:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg **Enc**
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. CLEGG *de*
 FROM : E. P. MORGAN *V*
 SUBJECT:

DATE: 5/21/45

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Gurnea _____
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 Mr. Hendon _____
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 Mr. Nease _____
 Mr. Gandy _____

The following Special Agents in Charge have conducted regular field office inspections:

M. W. Acers	S. K. McKee
L. V. Boardman	W. A. Murphy
Dwight Brantley	Harold Nathan
E. E. Conroy	J. C. Newman
H. B. Fletcher	N. J. L. Pieper
E. P. Gleason	Edward Scheidt
E. A. Guerin	J. F. Sears
R. B. Hood	J. E. Thornton
Guy Hottel	Percy Wily
A. P. Kitchin	

The following Agents in Charge have received two days' instruction at regular schools for Inspector's assistants:

F. C. Holloman	R. E. Smith
H. M. Kimball	J. J. Starke
H. L. McConnell	D. L. Traynor
A. C. Schlenker	C. E. Weeks

It is to be noted that at the SAC Conferences held in April of 1944 a portion of the instruction was set aside for inspection procedures and the Inspector's Manual. However, only about one hour was devoted to this phase of the instruction. During the course of the two-day individual conferences for SACs in the fall of 1944, the SACs were afforded general instruction concerning inspection procedures and observations concerning inspections of their own and other offices. None of this instruction was sufficiently detailed as to qualify those in attendance to handle all phases of an inspection, as was done in the two-day school for Inspector's assistants.

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July 7, 1945

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

I have noted with pleasure the excellent manner in which an Internal Security case was recently conducted in your office.

Such efficient work on the part of employees of this Bureau is indeed a source of gratification and I desire to commend you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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July 19, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw SAC R. B. HOOD of the Los Angeles Field Division. Mr. Hood makes an excellent personal appearance, though somewhat lacking in outward animation. He is one of the older SAC's and can be rated as excellent in his ability as an SAC.

Very truly yours

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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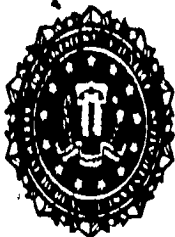
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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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DATE	7-19-45
BY	<i>[Signature]</i>



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to July 30, 1945, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Funds:

Name Helen F. Horn Address Los Angeles, Calif
Relationship Wife Dated July 6, 1945

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Helen F. Horn Address Los Angeles, Calif
Relationship Wife Dated July 6, 1945

Very truly yours,

Richard B. [Signature]
Special Agent

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CLASSIFICATION ADVICE

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Local Board No. 100	
San Diego County	075
JUL 16 1945	160
274 Spreckels Building, San Diego 1, California	

(Local Board Date Stamp With Code)

JUL 18 1945

(Date of mailing of Notice of Classification to Registrant)

You are advised that--

Richard

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(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 1499 has been classified in Class 11-A

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(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only) =

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☐ President.

DSS Form 59
(Revised 12-10-43)

(See other side)

(Member or clerk of local board)

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Ethel Chambers

Appeal Procedure

Any person entitled to do so may take an appeal to the board of appeal within 10 days after the above date of mailing of Notice of Classification to registrant in either of the following ways:

- (1) By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any particular form but must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the person appealing so as to show the right of appeal.
- (2) By signing the "Appeal to Board of Appeal" on the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

The person appealing may attach to his notice of appeal or to the Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40) a statement specifying the respects in which he believes the local board erred, may direct attention to any information in the registrant's file which he believes the local board has failed to consider or give sufficient weight, and may set out in full any information which was offered to the local board and which the local board failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

Appeal to the President from classification by the board of appeal may be taken at any time within 10 days after the date of mailing of notice to registrant, provided the registrant was classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, Class I-A-O, or Class IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification. Otherwise, the decision of the board of appeal is final except when an appeal is taken to the President either by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service on the ground that he deems it to be in the national interest or necessary to avoid an injustice.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 17, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RICHARD BYRNES HOOD
Selective Service Status

Local Board #160 at 274 Spreckels Building, San Diego 1, California, advises that the above-named was classified II-A indefinitely by the Local Board.

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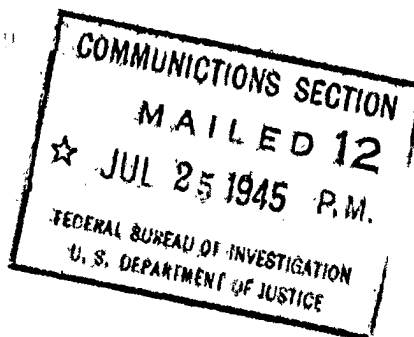
July 23, 1945

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

IN-SERVICE SCORES

Set out below are the Firearms scores which you made while attending the In-Service school at Washington from July 9, to July 21, 1945.

Hip Shooting	Absent
Practical Pistol Course	91
Shotgun	Absent
.30 Rifle	89
Machine Gun	85



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 7, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RICHARD BYRNES HOOD
SELECTIVE SERVICE STATUS

Local Board No. 160, 274 Spreckels Building,
San Diego 1, California, has advised that the above-
named Special Agent in Charge has been classified 2-A
as of August 6, 1945, by the Board of Appeal for an
indefinite period of time.

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THE DIRECTOR

JULY 6, 1945

CLYDE TOLSON

PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES

The following Special Agents in Charge who have been considered for promotions cannot at the present time be afforded such promotions inasmuch as eighteen months have not passed since their last promotions under the Uniform Promotion Act. They have received a meritorious promotion within the last eighteen months making it impossible to grant further promotions until the passage of eighteen months from the date of the last Uniform Promotion Act promotion.

They will be eligible for promotion on the dates listed:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION</u>
R. A. Guerin	Detroit	CAF 14, \$7700	1-1-46
<u>R. B. Hood</u>	Los Angeles	CAF 14, \$7962.50	10-1-45
N. J. L. Pieper	San Francisco	CAF 14, \$7962.50	10-1-45

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr.
Miss
Mrs.

Date

New appointment ☒ Mr. Richard B. Hood ☐ Transfer

Promotion ☐

September 16, 1945

PRESENT STATUS

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1. Title:
3. Salary: Special Agent
\$7963.50 per annum
5. Division:

2. Grade:
4. Seat of Government: ☐
Field: CAF 14 ☐

6. Appropriation:

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PROPOSED ACTION

Salaries and Expenses, FBI
(National Defense)

7. Title:
9. Salary: Special Agent
\$8235 per annum
11. Division:
13. Effective:

8. Grade:
10. Seat of Government: ☐
Field:* CAF 14 ☐

12. Appropriation:

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15. Remarks: October 8, 1945

14. Position: Additional *Salaries and Expenses, FBI*
Vice: (National Defense)
Identical:

Mr. Hood is being promoted under the Automatic Promotion Bill, Public Laws #200 and #106. He was reallocated from Grade CAF 13, \$6500 per annum to Grade CAF 14, \$6800 per annum, effective August 1, 1941. He was promoted from \$6800 per annum to \$6750 per annum in Grade CAF 14 (meritorious), effective February 1, 1943. He was promoted from \$6750 per annum to \$7000 per annum in Grade CAF 14, effective April 1, 1944. He received a meritorious promotion from \$7000 per annum to \$7250 per annum, effective December 15, 1944.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Tolson
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CC: Selective Service

SEP 19 1945 P.M.

SEP 21 1945

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JEE:lrh

TO : W. R. Glavin

DATE: 9-7-45

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: RICHARD B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles Field Division

RE: UPA Promotion

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
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Miss Gandy	

This employee entered on duty on 9-24-34 as a Special Agent, was afforded an increase in grade CAF 14, from \$6750 to \$7000 per annum on 4-1-44 under the provisions of the UPA, granted a meritorious increase in grade CAF 14, from \$7000 to \$7250 per annum, on 12-16-44, and is now eligible for an increase under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act effective 10-8-45. His present salary is \$7962.50 per annum, which was effective 7-1-45.

On 10-7-44 he was censured for the matter involving delay in obtaining dependents allowance checks in connection with a Fraud Against the Government case.

On 3-31-45 Mr. Glavin rated him EXCELLENT. On 6-9-45 he was censured for the careless handling and neglect in connection with an interview conducted with one Frances D. Smith, a candidate for the office of president of the UOPWA Local #9 in Los Angeles.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that he be afforded a \$262.50 increase in grade CAF 14, from \$7962.50 to \$8225 per annum, under the provisions of the Uniform Promotion Act effective 10-8-45.

Letter to Encl.
PR to Dept.

9/19/45

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September 19, 1945

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

In connection with the Uniform Promotion Act, I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from \$7962.50 per annum to \$8225 per annum in Grade GAF 14, effective October 8, 1945.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: CCC: Selective Service

CC: Miss Eitel

CC: Mr. J. E. Edwards
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Mr. Tolson
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Sept. 21, 1945

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RICHARD BYRNES HOOD, SAC
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October 29, 1945

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

I have been advised of the excellent work performed by your office in the case entitled John Joseph Uckele, w. a., et al, Bank Robbery. In this connection I wish that you would personally inform those Agents who participated in this investigation of my appreciation for the exemplary manner in which it was handled.

They are to be commended for their thoroughness, perseverance and devotion to duty.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 21, 1946

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letters, both dated May 6, 1946, in which you make suggestions for streamlining Bureau procedures.

I am referring these suggestions to a Special Committee, composed of equal representation from the Seat of Government and the field, for careful study and analysis, and I will subsequently review the recommendations of this Committee with reference thereto. In the event your suggestions are adopted, appropriate instructions will be issued accordingly. Due to the reduced personnel and further special communication will be addressed to you as to the final action taken in connection with your suggestions.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Hood's letters of 5/6/46 being held for consideration by Joint Committee.

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May 22, 1946

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles Field Division
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

I wanted you to know that the suggestion contained in your letter of May 14, 1946, with reference to making known to chiefs of police certain factors about the Communist situation has received very careful consideration.

I do not believe that it would be desirable at this time to furnish such information to police departments for fear it might affect the security of the Bureau's own work in this field.

Although I am not adopting your suggestion at this time, I did want you to know that I appreciate very much your having called this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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April 26, 1946

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter of February 18, 1946, in which among other suggestions, which have separately been considered, is one to the effect that the Bureau should not require specific acknowledgment from field offices on instructions which are sent out from the Bureau. It is observed that you particularly refer to SAC Letter No. 14 which dealt with efficiency ratings of Special Agents who are engaged as police instructors.

For your information, as a general rule the field is not requested to acknowledge instructions issued in the form of bulletins or SAC Letters. It is only in special cases that this requirement is added to any outgoing communication from the Bureau and such cases are carefully considered at the time. This is true of the particular example which you cite since there was a lot of confusion in the field as to efficiency reports submitted on police instructors and it was necessary to make certain that the Bureau's desires and policies were thoroughly understood.

It would therefore appear that your suggestion is presently the rule although special circumstances from time to time will make exceptions to the rule necessary.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DEFERRED PERSONNEL DATA

1. Name of Employer. Federal Bureau of Investigation.
2. Registrant's Name. Richard B. Hood
3. Age. 34
4. Address. Los Angeles
5. Marital Status; if married, give date. Married 12-7-35
Number of children. Number of other dependents.
6. Title of Position. Special Agent in Charge
7. Date of Appointment. 9-24-34
8. Vocation or type of work for past five years. Lawyer
9. Brief background which qualifies registrant for present duties.
(See attachment)
10. Annual Salary - as of date of deferment. Caf-14
11. Original Draft Classification. 3-A Changed to. 2-B Date. 1-21-43
12. Local Board Number and Location. No. 160, San Diego, California
13. Order Number. 1499
14. By whom was deferment requested? John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
15. Reason given for deferment; if indispensability claimed. Why?
(See attachment)
16. Length of deferment. 7-21-43
17. How many renewals of deferment. None Dates.
18. What attempts at replacement have been made. (See attachment)

(Address: H. Ralph Burton, General Counsel, #519 Old House Office Building

March 21, 1946

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 8, 1946, with which you transmit a suggested daily assignment sheet for stenographers and recommend its use in offices where there is a large stenographic force.

I am referring this form to a Special Committee, composed of equal representation from the Seat of Government and the field, for careful study and analysis, and I will subsequently review the recommendations of this Committee with reference thereto. In the meantime, I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggested form.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March 6, 1946

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter of February 11, 1946, concerning the spherical shaped tear gas hand grenade which had been developed by the War Department.

The Bureau is not favorably impressed with the new type hand grenade to which you refer since there is some fragmentation with this type of grenade which would involve some additional elements of danger. Also, the Bureau has an ample supply of the present type of gas grenade which the Bureau is using and the Agents have been trained in its use. It was not believed there would be any advantage in making a change at this time.

Your interest, I assure you, is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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February 25, 1946

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 18, 1946, in which you submit suggestions for streamlining Bureau procedures.

I am referring these suggestions to a Special Committee, composed of equal representation from the Seat of Government and the field, for careful study and analysis, and I will subsequently review the recommendations of this Committee with reference thereto. In the meantime, I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FEBRUARY 11, 1946

F. R. GLAVIN

In connection with the possible increases for certain officials at the Seat of Government and in the field, the following, who have been considered by the Director, cannot receive increases either due to the fact that they are in the top of their grade or that they have received increases up to the present time which make it impossible to give further consideration to their cases now;

S. J. Connelley (Top of grade)
S. J. Tracy (Top of grade)
H. B. Clegg (Top of grade)
F. R. Glavin (Top of grade)
L. B. Nichols (Top of grade)
R. B. Heed (Top of grade)
SAC, Los Angeles

Y. T. Burke, Supervisor in Charge at Quantico, whose present salary is CAF-13, \$6230 was recommended for a \$210 meritorious increase to CAF-13, \$6440 per annum effective January 27, 1946. No further promotion can be granted at this time.

E. P. Morgan, Inspector, Training Division, whose present salary is CAF-13, \$6440 per annum was granted a meritorious and UPA promotion within the last 18 months and is not eligible for another promotion until September 22, 1946.

J. P. Mohr, Personnel Officer, Administrative Division, whose present salary is CAF-13, \$6230 per annum has been recommended for a meritorious increase prior to this time and it is still pending in the Civil Service Commission. He is not eligible for further promotion at this time.

R. F. Cartwright, Chief, Records Section, whose present salary is Grade CAF-13, \$6230 per annum has been recommended for a meritorious increase to CAF-13, \$6440 per annum and it is still pending in the Civil Service Commission.

M. A. Jones, Chief, Crime Records Section, whose present salary is Grade CAF-13, \$6230 per annum, has been recommended for a meritorious increase to CAF-13, \$6440 per annum and it is still pending in the Civil Service Commission.

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J. J. McGuire, #1 Man in the Records and Communications Division, whose present salary is Grade CAF-13, \$6260 per annum, is not eligible for either a meritorious or UPA promotion at the present time. He can next be considered on October 6, 1946.

C. H. Carson, Chief of the SIS Section, Security Division, whose present salary is Grade CAF-13, \$6650 had a meritorious promotion approved on January 27, 1946, to \$6860 per annum. No further promotion can be granted at this time.

J. K. Munford, #1 Man, Security Division, whose present salary is Grade CAF-13, \$6650 per annum is not eligible for either a meritorious or UPA promotion. He can next be considered on January 5, 1947.

S. K. McKee, Special Agent in Charge at Newark, whose present salary is Grade CAF-14, \$7962.50 per annum is not eligible for either a meritorious or UPA promotion at this time. He can next be considered on July 14, 1946.

E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge at New York, whose present salary is Grade CAF-14, \$7700 per annum, he having been granted a meritorious promotion effective February 10, 1946, is not eligible for further promotion at this time.

D. L. Traynor, Special Agent in Charge at Springfield, whose present salary is Grade CAF-13, \$6440 per annum, is not eligible for either a meritorious or UPA promotion at this time. He can next be considered August 11, 1946.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to February 28, 1946, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONETARY~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name Hilda F. Hood Address 3919 West 8th Street, Los Angeles 5
Relationship wife Dated January 21, 1946

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name Hilda F. Hood Address 3919 West 8th Street, Los Angeles 5
Relationship wife Dated January 21, 1946

Very truly yours,

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Richard [signature] 1/21/46
Special Agent *LD*

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January 8, 1946

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Dick:

I deeply appreciated the sentiments which you expressed in connection with the recent broadcast dealing with my status and your sympathetic understanding and desire to be of assistance. I will certainly keep this in mind in the event the situation arises which will necessitate my calling upon you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Date: September 19, 1945

Name: MR. RICHARD B. HOOD

You are advised of the following action concerning your employment in the Department of Justice:

Nature of Action: PAY INCREASE(Periodic)

Effective: October 8, 1945

	FROM	TO
POSITION	Special Agent	
GRADE SALARY	CAF 14 \$7962.50	CAF 14 \$8225
BUREAU OR DIVISION		
HEADQUARTERS		
APPROPRIATION	S&E, FBI, NATL. DEF.	
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field	

REMARKS:

Public Law #200 as amended 6-30-45.
Reallocated from CAF 13, \$5600 to CAF 14, \$6500, August 1, 1941. Promoted from \$6500 to \$6750, CAF 14, (meritorious), February 1, 1943. He was promoted from \$6750 to \$7000, CAF 14, April 1, 1944. He received a meritorious promotion from \$7000 to \$7250, December 16, 1944.

New appointees must take oath of office, enter on duty and execute necessary appointment papers before any payment of salary can be made.

By direction of the Attorney General.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Date: **September 19, 1945**

Name: **MR. RICHARD B. MOOD**

No. _____
CIVIL SERVICE OR
OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

Nature of Action: **PAY INCREASE (Periodic)**

Effective: **October 8, 1945**

	FROM	TO	NATURE OF POSITION
POSITION	Special Agent		(a) NEW
GRADE SALARY	CAF 14 \$7968.90	CAF 14 \$8225	P. C. No.
BUREAU OR DIVISION			(b) ADDTNL. IDENT. P. C. No.
HEADQUARTERS			(c) VICE P. C. No.
APPROPRIATION	BAF, FBI, NATL. DEF.		
DEPARTMENTAL OR FIELD	Field		DATE OF OATH

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RECORDS SECTION

May 24, 1946

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

For your information, there is attached hereto a copy of a letter dated May 6, 1946 received from one Estelle Werner, who does not give her address in New York City. It will be observed that she refers to an alleged relationship between you and one

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL: REGULAR () SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of 3/31/46 based on performance during period from 4/1/45 to 3/31/46

R. B. Hood SAC, Grade CAF - 14
(Name of employee) (Title of position, service, and grade)

FBI - Los Angeles

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐ All others ☐
☒ if adequate ☐ if weak ☐ if outstanding		

- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
- (2) Mechanical skill.
- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
- (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
- (7) Accuracy of operations.
- (8) Accuracy of final results.
- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
- (11) Industry.
- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records?)
(Yes or no)
- (14) Ability to organize his work.
- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
- (16) Cooperativeness.
- (17) Initiative.
- (18) Resourcefulness.
- (19) Dependability.
- (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
- (30) Ability to make decisions.
- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED.

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STANDARD		Adjective rating
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.	Excellent	Rating official: <u>Excellent</u>
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.	Very good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.	Good	Reviewing official: <u> </u>
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Rated by [Signature] Asst. Director 3/31/46
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee Report to employee
(Date) (Adjective rating)

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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

New York City
May 6, 1946

Mr. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Have you

[Redacted]

Well, in it this woman tells of

[Redacted]

You might be interested to know that

[Redacted]

is a buddy of your local head in Los Angeles.

[Redacted]

Nice business? How come?

Very truly yours,

Estelle Werner

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: ESTELLE WERNER

DATE: June 4, 1946

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Reference is made to Bureau communication of May 24th forwarding a copy of a letter dated May 6th from ESTELLE WERNER in which she mentions that an individual named [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I do not know the identity of ESTELLE WERNER, nor do I know an individual named [REDACTED] and certainly he is not an associate of mine.

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The records of this office disclose that considerable inquiry was made at one time about an individual named [REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES
SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS

DATE: May 6, 1946

With reference to Bureau memorandum of April 12, 1946, soliciting suggestions from various personnel, the following matter is submitted:

The FBI Hand Book, Part I, Section 25 H, page 17, entitled "Income Tax Data", states that information concerning income tax returns or photostatic copies of income tax returns desired for official use should be requested by letter to the Bureau. The same wording is used in the Manual of Rules and Regulations.

Such a request was made by this office for income tax data on ARNOLD S. KIRKBY in connection with the case entitled "Reported Interest of Packeteers in Purchase of Hotels, Miscellaneous, Information Concerning, Crime Survey", Bureau File No. 62-80831.

By letter dated April 26, 1946 the Bureau stated that past experience reflects that such requests for tax information are handled with greater efficiency and speed if certain background data relative to the subject of the inquiry is furnished, such as present and past official residences of Mr. KIRKBY, the name of his wife, the names of his children and any other occupation that he has other than that of operating hotels. The letter also suggests that this matter be called to the attention of the agents of this office who might make similar requests in the future.

It is suggested that where the Bureau gains such experience, the experience should be incorporated into the Manual and specific items suggested which could be followed by the agents writing such letters to the Bureau requesting income tax data. This would obviate the necessity of the Bureau supervisors writing such letters as this one and having the papers handled by the file rooms at the Bureau and in the field.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

July 26, 1946

SAC, LOS ANGELES

BUREAU BULLETINS

During the recent self-inspection of this office, a suggestion was made which it is felt the Bureau would be interested in.

It was pointed out that an increasing number of the bulletins which have been issued by the Bureau recently concern Communist, Russian, or other equally confidential matters but that the Bureau does not exercise any control over the ultimate disposition of these bulletins.

Under present practices, the bulletins are distributed in the field and given to the agents, and as there is no accounting for these bulletins, it is quite probable that many of them are lost or mislaid. It is apparent that should even one of the more confidential bulletins come into unfriendly hands, the Bureau would be seriously embarrassed.

Therefore, it was felt that the Bureau should take some precautionary measure to avoid such an incident, and it was suggested that beginning upon a said date, the Bureau could instruct the agents to keep their Bureau bulletins for a period of six months, following which they would be submitted to the field supervisors and destroyed, or, whenever a bulletin concerns any highly confidential matter, the Bureau could send but one or two copies of the bulletin to each Field Division which would in turn be passed among the agents for reading and initialing and then be filed for six months and ultimately destroyed.

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August 9, 1946

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

There is being transmitted herewith for your information a copy of a memorandum submitted to this Bureau by Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General, concerning work performed by this Bureau in connection with the investigation of the Antitrust Case involving the American Can Company.

It is most gratifying to receive comments of this nature and I want to express to you my personal appreciation for the splendid manner in which your office performed in this instance. 67-31121-104

It is suggested that a copy of Mr. Berge's memorandum be placed in the personnel file of each of the Agents that participated in this investigation and it is also desired that you furnish the Bureau with the names of all of the Agents who in your opinion are deserving of individual letters of commendation because of the work performed by them in this case.

Your prompt attention to this matter is desired.

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover
Mailed by the Director

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
JEF:mlw

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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September 16, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On September 13th I saw Special Agent in Charge RICHARD B. HOOD of the Los Angeles Field Division. I discussed with Mr. Hood generally the administrative matters of his office, and particularly emphasized the necessity for alertness and judicial approach to the handling of matters involving Ku Klux Klan activities and violation of Civil Rights.

Very truly yours

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director, FBI
SAC, Los Angeles
DAILY REPORTS

July 22, 1946

Re: 11 11 11

During the recent inspection of the Los Angeles Office it was noted that when Agents have been away out of the territory on subpoena most Agents in Charge of the offices where they are temporarily located do not forward to this office the daily reports submitted by the Los Angeles Agents, and consequently this office is charged with an error.

It is believed that practically it serves very little purpose for the daily reports to be sent from one office to another. The #2 office registers show the departure and arrival of Agents from the territory, and this it is believed is sufficient for checking against per diem costs. It is therefore recommended that the present practice of having offices send daily reports back to the office where the Agent is assigned be discontinued.

RBH:MDL

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FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 03-29-2012

September 16, 1946

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SAC, Los Angeles

RE: RICHARD B. HOOD
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Dear Sir:

The above-named Special Agent attended an In-Service training course at the Seat of Government from September 3 to September 13, 1946.

He attained the following grades:

Notebook	—
Examination	—
Hip Shooting	96
Practical Pistol Course	95
Shotgun (Skeet Course)	5/25
.30 Rifle	87
Machine Gun	90

The firearms grades should be entered on the individual field firearms training record card.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

HLB:des des
Rockford
cc: SAC Richard B. Hood
Los Angeles

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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

August 29, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

There are set forth below a few items which the Assistant Directors believe should be discussed with Special Agent in Charge Hood of the Los Angeles Office when he reports for In-Service Training on Tuesday, September 3, 1946.

Inspections - Latest self-inspection June - July, 1946

Physical Condition and Maintenance - 16 of 30 automobiles inspected had delinquencies. The 3-D Recorders need complete overhauling.

Investigative Operations - There were 3,758 pending cases. The case delinquency was 39.2%. The Selective Service work has increased in recent months due to the policy of the Selective Service officials in declaring members of the Merchant Marines delinquent on varied technical grounds. Each stenographer has 100 pages on her books. The Bureau has recently approved 3 additional stenographers. Two hundred twenty-three pending files revealed 27 substantive delinquencies.

Administrative Operations - There are five supervisors in addition to the SAC and ASAC. Efforts should be made to dispose of some of the exhibits in old Japanese cases. Some old administrative files have not been destroyed.

Personnel Matters - 93 tardinesses in 11-month period, 20 unexcused and 73 excused.

Contacts - Certain Agents have been assigned to particular police departments and have a definite program to discuss with them each month. The SAC reports this has resulted in an increase in criminal cases received from the police.

Police Schools

	Number of Schools
First half of 1945	11
First half of 1946	16

Schools are now well organized with good territorial coverage. The SAC should be unusually alert and aggressive in the field of police training due to the attempt of the California Attorney General's Office to institute police training schools throughout the State.

Law Enforcement Conferences

	<u>Number of Conferences</u>	<u>Percentage of Attendance</u>
First Series, 1945	13	82%
First Series, 1946	13	100%

The SAC was commended for this 100% attendance at the recent series of conferences.

FBI National Academy - 1 representative at 31st Session; 4 representatives at 32nd Session; 2 representatives at 33rd Session; 2 have been obtained for the January 1947 Session.

Laboratory Matters - The Laboratory conducted more examinations during the fiscal year 1946 for local law enforcement agencies in the State of California than for any other State of the Union. For the fiscal year 1945, we made 189 examinations for such agencies in California, whereas during the fiscal year 1946 we made 621 such examinations. The largest number of examinations made for any other State was 400 for the State of Ohio.

Radio Station - It is also to be recalled that Los Angeles is one of the four Field Divisions where 250-watt radio stations are being installed for two-way communication with the Field Division automobiles. Such installations are also to be made at New York City, Washington, D. C., and Detroit, Michigan. One of the purposes of these installations is to determine the value and need for such in our work. In order to give complete coverage from car to station, unattended receivers are being installed throughout the City of Los Angeles in order to pick up the transmission from the cars and carry it into the station. The installation at Los Angeles is being handled at this time by Special Agent H. G. Earp, a radio engineer of the Laboratory.

Speaking engagements - During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, 303 speaking engagements were handled by the Los Angeles Field Division. A total of 33 of these were made by the Special Agent in Charge, whereas 98 were made by the Assistant Special Agent in Charge. There was a decided improvement in the number of speeches given inasmuch as during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, there were only 193 speaking engagements, 39 of which were handled by the Special Agent in Charge. It is to be noted that a large proportion of the speeches handled by Los Angeles were before rather small groups. The Special Agent in Charge at Los Angeles was written on July 23, 1946, concerning his failure to indicate on tickler copies of speech letters submitted to the Bureau why the engagements were not being handled by him personally or by the Assistant Special Agent in Charge. It has been noted in recent weeks that on a number of tickler copies no explanation was given as is required by previous Bureau instructions.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Ku Klux Klan Activities - The Ku Klux Klan has been extremely active in the California area in recent months, and a report of the Los Angeles Office dated June 12, 1946, regarding this organization reflects that the Klan reportedly has 100,000 members and 100 fellowship clubs known as "Hearts and Hands Clubs".

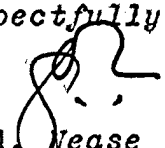
The Attorney General has requested that the Bureau investigate the functions and plans of the Ku Klux Klan throughout the United States, and this can be effectively done only by the development of reliable confidential informants who are in a position to disclose information relating to these activities.

It is also to be observed that the revival of Klan activity in California may result in violations of the Civil Rights and Domestic Violence Statute, and it is essential that the Bureau be immediately advised as to any reported violations in this regard.

It is to be further noted that State authorities in California have taken action against the Klan by instituting quo warranto proceedings at which the California charter of the KKK was revoked and a new permit to operate in the state was denied. However, it is felt that the Klan may continue to operate as an underground and clandestine organization and, therefore, the Los Angeles Office should be alert to closely follow the affairs of this group.

International Situation - It is thought you might desire to call Mr. Hood's attention to the tense international situation and point out that Los Angeles is one of the principal areas in which Soviet representatives and agents are concentrated. You may wish to instruct Mr. Hood to be sure of adequate coverage of Soviet subjects at all times to be completely abreast of any changes in personnel in the Soviet Consulate and to furnish promptly to the Bureau complete information regarding any changes of office space occupied by Soviet officials in the Los Angeles area.

Respectfully submitted,


G. A. Nease

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MEMORANDUM FOR

**RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL AGENTS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

NAME Richard B. Hood AGE 38 YEARS, _____ MONTHS
 NATIVITY (state of birth) Penna. MARRIED, SINGLE, WIDOWED: n NUMBER OF CHILDREN 0
 FAMILY HISTORY Father died of cancer, mother recently had breast removed-
cancer

HISTORY OF ILLNESS OR INJURY tonsils removed about 1928

HEAD AND FACE n

EYES: PUPILS (size, shape, reaction to light and distance, etc.) n

DISTANT VISION RT. 20/ 40, corrected to 20/ 20

LT. 20/ 300, corrected to 20/ 20

COLOR PERCEPTION n

(state edition of Stilling's plates or Lamps used)

DISEASE OR ANATOMICAL DEFECTS n

EARS: HEARING RT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15'

CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'

LT. WHISPERED VOICE 15/15'

CONVERSATIONAL SPEECH /15'

DISEASE OR DEFECTS n

NOSE n

(Disease or anatomical defect, obstruction, etc. State degree)

SINUSES n

TONGUE, PALATE, PHARYNX, LARYNX, TONSILS n

TEETH AND GUMS (disease or anatomical defect) generalized

MISSING TEETH 1, 24, 23

NONVITAL TEETH n

PERIAPICAL DISEASE n

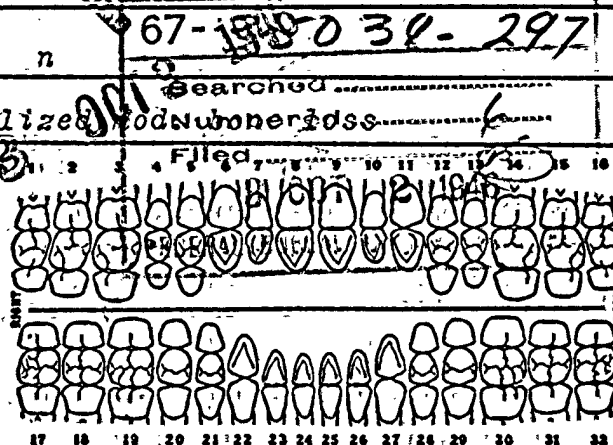
MARKED MALOCCLUSION n

PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS n

TEETH REPLACED BY BRIDGES 23, 24

DENTURES _____

REMARKS _____



George W. Ferguson

(Signature of Dental Officer)

GENERAL BUILD AND APPEARANCE robust

TEMPERATURE _____ CHEST AT EXPIRATION 39

HEIGHT 68 3/4 CHEST AT INSPIRATION 43

WEIGHT 175 CIRCUMFERENCE OF ABDOMEN AT UMBILICUS 33 1/2

RECENT GAIN OR LOSS, AMOUNT AND CAUSE n

SKIN, HAIR, AND GLANDS n

NECK (abnormalities, thyroid gland, trachea, larynx) n

SPINE AND EXTREMITIES (bones, joints, muscles, feet) n

THORAX (size, shape, movement, rib cage, mediastinum) n
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM, BRONCHI, LUNGS, PLEURA, ETC. n
35 mm x-ray neg.

CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM n
HEART (note all signs of cardiac involvement) n

PULSE: BEFORE EXERCISE 76 BLOOD PRESSURE: SYSTOLIC 132
AFTER EXERCISE 98 DIASTOLIC 80
THREE MINUTES AFTER _____
CONDITION OF ARTERIES n CHARACTER OF PULSE reg.
CONDITION OF VEINS n HEMORRHOIDS tags

ABDOMEN AND PELVIS (condition of wall, scars, herniae, abnormality of viscera) _____

GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM n
URINALYSIS: SP. GR. 1.014 ALB. n SUGAR n MICROSCOPICAL n
VENEREAL DISEASE n

NERVOUS SYSTEM n (organic or functional disorders)
ROMBERG n INCOORDINATION (gait, speech) n
REFLEXES, SUPERFICIAL n DEEP (knee, ankle, elbow) n TREMORS n
SEROLOGICAL TESTS n BLOOD TYPE _____
ABNORMAL PSYCHE (neurasthenia, psychasthenia, depression, instability, worries) n

SMALLPOX VACCINATION: DATE OF LAST VACCINATION _____

TYPHOID PROPHYLAXIS: NUMBER OF COURSES _____

DATE OF LAST COURSE _____

REMARKS ON ABNORMALITIES NOT OTHERWISE NOTED OR SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED ABOVE _____

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS _____

CAPABLE OF PERFORMING DUTIES INVOLVING full PHYSICAL EXERTION

IS THIS INDIVIDUAL PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS
WHICH MIGHT ENTAIL THE PRACTICAL USE OF FIREARMS yes (yes or no)
(when no is given state cause) _____

FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS (as per boards, when necessary) _____

Robert T. Miller
Lt. j.g. MC, USNR

DATE OF EXAMINATION

9-12-46

October 1, 1946

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of the physical examination afforded you at the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on September 12, 1946.

This report reflects that you have no physical defects.

The Board of Examining Physicians of the United States Naval Hospital reports that you are capable of performing strenuous physical exertion and have no physical defects that would interfere with your participation in raids or other work involving the practical use of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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October 17, 1946

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dick:

As you undoubtedly realize I am highly pleased with the excellent service you rendered in connection with the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference at Mexico City.

The success achieved in this instance is due in no small measure to the part you played and I want to personally commend you for the diligence and interest manifested in this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

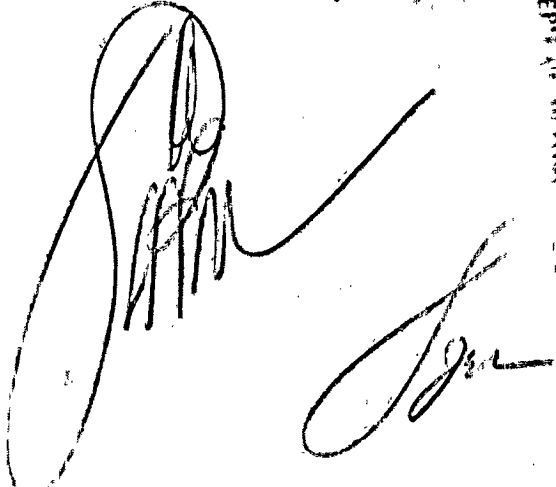
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LOS ANGELES 54, CALIFORNIA

November 14, 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 30, 1946, containing various suggestions and recommendations resulting from the recent survey of our protective system which was made at our request by Mr. Leslie R. Hall and Mr. Edwin Brown of the local office of your Bureau, through the generous cooperation of Mr. Richard B. Hood, Special Agent in charge of your Los Angeles division.

We have read your report with interest and much satisfaction, and wish you to know that your suggestions will have our careful consideration, and we feel sure that many of the recommendations made by the Bureau will be adopted by us.

Please convey to your representatives our sincere thanks for their participation in the undertaking.

Yours very truly,

W. N. Ambrose,
Managing Director.

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W. N. Ambrose

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CITY OF TULARE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

TULARE, CALIFORNIA

February 7, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you and your agents
R. B. Hood, Ira J. Kellogg, William E. South,
W. H. Van Landingham, and Agent Pinkerton of Chicago
for the assistance rendered to Sgt. James Allen of
this Department, who was detailed recently to
accompany the body of our slain Officer Richard W.
Smith to Evansville, Indiana, for burial services.

The assistance given Sgt. Allen on this
detail was greatly appreciated by him and by every
member of this department. Without the aid of the
agents in helping Sgt. Allen with his train connections,
and the courteous attention given him during his
stay in Evansville, the detail would have been much
more difficult to complete successfully.

I wish to commend you and the above agents
for the action taken by them to make a detail of this
type less trying.

Again in behalf of the Department and myself
let me say a thousand thanks to you and the agents for
the time they devoted and the courtesies extended
Sgt. Allen.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

CC: R. B. Hood
Ira J. Kellogg
Wm. E. South
W. H. Van Landingham
Agent Pinkerton

CARLTON S. KINDER
Chief of Police

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April 7, 1947

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 29, 1947, in which you submit two suggestions in connection with the operation of the two-way car radios.

I am referring these suggestions to a Special Committee, composed of equal representation from the Seat of Government and the Field, for careful study and analysis, and I will subsequently review the recommendations of this Committee with reference thereto. In the event your suggestions are adopted, you will be so advised and appropriate instructions will be issued accordingly.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Incoming letter of 3/29/47 being held in Training Div. for consideration by Joint Committee.

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Form PR3 Revised (LWOP)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

No. _____

M Richard B. Hood

Date March 6 1947

Title

Grade and Salary

Division or Bureau **FBI**

Department ☐

Appropriation

Field ☒ **Agent**

Beginning

Terminating C. O. B.

Indefinite []*

Remarks **Deduct 8 hours on March 1, 1947.**

J. Edgar Hoover

***IMPORTANT:**

This form to be used for reporting all leave without pay EXCEPT military.

Persons returning to duty subsequent to this report or from indefinite leave will not be restored to the pay roll until Form PR3a (LWOP) is submitted.


MAR 6 1947 REL

8. (Bureau)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC R. B. HOOD
SUBJECT : SOURCES OF INFORMATION

DATE: 2/3/47

Bureau Bulletin No. 17, Section D, Series 1944, dated March 1, 1944, provides that resident agents which occupy approved office space may have a duplicate set of source of information cards involving their specific territories.

The new Manual Rules and Regulations does not have any such restriction as to which resident agents may have a source of information file. I would like to recommend that there be no restriction as set out in the Bureau bulletin, but that all resident agents be permitted to retain a source of information file.

It would appear that a resident agent working out of his home is just as much in need of a source of information file as a resident agent working out of approved office space. It is my belief that if these resident agents are provided with file cabinets which can be locked and in which they can maintain a source file under proper security that they should be entitled to keep such a file. In the event of an inspection of their residency, I am certain that the resident agents would not hesitate to produce their source of information file for a check. It is, therefore, recommended that restrictions which apparently still exist through the Bureau bulletin referred to be rescinded.

This matter came up as result of the current inspection of the Los Angeles Division in which the Inspector called attention to the fact that we were sending duplicate source of information cards back to the resident agents submitting the sources even though some of the residents do not occupy approved office space.

JCE/dml

February 11, 1947

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Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 3, 1947, in which you submit the suggestion that all Resident Agents be permitted to retain a Source of Information File.

I am referring this suggestion to a Special Committee, composed of equal representation from the Seat of Government and the field, for careful study and analysis, and I will subsequently review the recommendations of this Committee with reference thereto. In the event your suggestion is adopted, you will be so advised and appropriate instructions will be issued accordingly.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

EFH:BG

NOTE: Incoming letter of 2/3/47 retained in Training Division for consideration by Joint Committee.

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V. Egan

AFFIDAVIT

STRIKING AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Department of Justice

(Dept. or Estab.)

Federal Bureau of Investigation

(Bureau or Office)

Los Angeles, California

(Place of Employment)

I, Richard B. Hood, do hereby swear (or affirm) that I am not engaged in any strike against the Government of the United States and that I will not so engage while an employee of the Government of the United States; that I am not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, and that I will not while a Government employee become a member of such an organization.

Richard B. Hood
(Signature of employee or appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, 1946

at LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA.

James Eugene Young
(Signature of Officer)

NOTARY PUBLIC

In and for the County of Los Angeles State of California

(Title)

SEAL

(Not needed where none available)

My Commission Expires April 28, 1950

NOTE: Any officer or employee of a department or establishment who is designated in writing by the head thereof to administer oaths in connection with employment as required by law is authorized to administer the affidavit required incidental to the foregoing and such affidavit must be administered without charge or fee and has the same force and effect as affidavits administered by officers having seals.

STATUTORY PENALTY CLAUSE: "Any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States, or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States ***and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: Provided further, that the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provision of existing law."

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WRG

STATE RECORDING

0 JAN 30 1947

PER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 2, 1946.

CIRCULAR NO. 3959

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Subject: Affidavit regarding membership in organizations which assert the right to strike against the Government.

Appropriation bills for the fiscal year 1947 provide that no part of the appropriation shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States. It is provided that for the purpose of this legislation an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this law engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States and is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States.

All employees must execute the affidavit on the other side of this circular. When you have signed the affidavit it should be returned promptly to your immediate supervisor who will forward it through regular channels (for noting against payroll records) to the Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General.

Certifying Officers shall not release salary checks until this affidavit has been prepared and forwarded.



S. A. ANDRETTA
Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 10-3-46

FROM : MR. H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT: IACP CONVENTION - MEXICO CITY

At the Mexico City Conference of the IACP splendid services were rendered by the following SACs:

D.A. Bryce
W.W. Acers
R.P. Hood

In addition excellent work was performed and outstanding cooperation and services rendered by the office of the Civil Attache in Mexico City including the following who were assigned to the Reforma Hotel Office:

John Speakes, Civil Attache
SA Manuel A. Sanchez
SA A. Russell Ash
SA Ned P. Holman
Miss Betty Hodgins, clerk
Miss Marcella Herrick, stenographer
Miss Lorena Lewis, stenographer

Speakes had made advance reservations, had splendid contacts and was thoughtful and considerate not only to the Bureau's representatives but selected delegates. Sanchez made use of his personally owned cadillac automobile which was in an accident and considerable repairs had to be made and it is understood that the insurance company is making full repairs. The Agents and clerks worked long hours real faithfully and patiently to help contribute to the success of the Convention.

SA Lewis C. Taylor at Laredo, Texas was most helpful in aiding Bureau representatives in clearing customs at Laredo both going and coming and the trains going through Laredo passed through around midnight and those returning about 4:00 A.M. so I know he must have lost considerable sleep but he was on the job most effectively.

RECOMMENDATION: (1) That letters of appreciation and commendation be sent to the SACs who were assigned to be at Mexico City for their effective work.

(2) That individual letters be sent to the Agents and clerks of the Civil Attache's Office at Mexico City for their services.

(3) That a general letter be sent to Mr. Speakes commending the entire office of the Legal Attache, for the availability of the selected few to be of service was made possible by the application to duty of those who remained in the office.

(4) That a letter of commendation be sent to SA Lewis C. Taylor, Resident Agent at Laredo, Texas for his cooperative services.

HHC:PF

April 9, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Yesterday I saw SAC Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division and discussed with him at some length the handling of subversive investigations in his field division.

I believe that Mr. Hood has a particularly good grasp of the situation and apparently has a number of very capable Agents engaged upon this project.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Form PR3 Revised (LWOP)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

No. _____

M Richard B. Hood

Date April 22 1947

Title

Grade and Salary

Division or Bureau **FBI**

Department ☐

Appropriation

Field ☒ **Agent**

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Remarks **Deduct 8 hours on April 12, 1947.**

J. Edgar Hoover

***IMPORTANT:**

This form to be used for reporting all leave without pay EXCEPT military.

Persons returning to duty subsequent to this report or from indefinite leave will not be restored to the pay roll until Form PR3a (LWOP) is submitted.

April 17, 1947

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reurlet April 9 counter intelligence program and
your discussions with me.

The preliminary conference which you proposed
has been approved and will be held on May 19 and 20, 1947.
You and others to be in attendance will be notified in
advance of specific program which will include development
of specialized training program proposed by you.

Thank you very much for your constructive and
helpful suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

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April 9, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. Tamm
MR. LADD

R. B. O
In talking with SAC Hood yesterday he made a number of suggestions which I think have considerable merit.

(1) He stated that he believed that it was getting to be more and more difficult to separate Communist investigations from the counter-intelligence investigations of Russian espionage. I believe that this is a fact and that by proper coordination and some integration, at least in the supervision both at the Seat of Government and in the field, we may be able to make more effective progress in the counter-intelligence field, because from the Canadian Spy Case as well as from developments in this country it is becoming more and more evident that Russian Government is utilizing the medium of the Communist Party and individual American Communists for espionage purposes.

(2) SAC Hood told me of several technical matters which Agents of his office had developed in connection with counter-intelligence operations, particularly in regard to the covering of couriers who travel from one city to another, and it occurs to me that it might be very desirable at an early date to have a conference at Washington of the SAC's and of the supervisors of counter-intelligence work in the field of those offices which are so-called key offices in the Communist and would be not only for an exchange of ideas but also the working out of techniques so that when critical situations arise there would be an easy flow of operations from one field office to another.

Another matter discussed was the desirability of having a short special course in counter-intelligence work to be attended by a selected group of Agents who might be particularly qualified for this work or who are at the present time engaged in it. It would be, of course, most imperative that the selection of personnel for this course be made very carefully and there should be a real study made of the subjects to be handled and the manner in which they are to be handled. These phases could very properly be discussed in the meeting suggested in the preceding paragraph.

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I would like to have these matters given prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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RICHARD B. HOOD

Special Agent in Charge

ENTERED ON DUTY:

September 24, 1934

SALARY:

\$9376.50, CAF 14

OFFICE OF PREFERENCE:

Los Angeles

EXAMINATION:

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Inspector Gurnea:

Mr. HOOD presents an excellent appearance and has a good personality. HOOD is a disciplinarian and demands that the employees of his office produce. He checks the activities of his employees more closely than most Agents in Charge in the larger offices. Likewise, he is more familiar with the administrative and investigative operations of the office than most Agents in Charge in offices of comparable size. Mr. HOOD has an ability to maintain excellent outside contacts without losing touch with the office. In this respect he is rather selective which I think is an excellent procedure in the city of Los Angeles. As a result of this approach, HOOD is highly considered by ranking individuals in the commercial, professional and law enforcement circles within his Field Division. I feel that HOOD is serving very capably as Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Office and is also capable of serving as Agent in Charge in any of our larger offices.

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Inspection Report
Los Angeles Office
Inspector Gurnea
Interviewed by Inspector Gurnea
January 21, 1947

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ANNUAL
REPORT OF
EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR () SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL ()

As of 3-31-47 based on performance during period from 4-1-46 to 3-31-47

Hood, R. B.
(Name of employee)

Special Agent in Charge, CAF-14
(Title of position, service, and grade)

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Los Angeles Field Div.
(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐ All others ☐
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- _____ (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
- _____ (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
- _____ (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
- _____ (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
- _____ (7) Accuracy of operations.
- _____ (8) Accuracy of final results.
- _____ (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
- _____ (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
- _____ (11) Industry.
- _____ (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
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- _____ (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
- _____ (16) Cooperativeness.
- _____ (17) Initiative.
- _____ (18) Resourcefulness.
- _____ (19) Dependability.
- _____ (20) Physical fitness for the work.

- _____ (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs.
- _____ (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.
- _____ (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures.
- _____ (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.
- _____ (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.
- _____ (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.
- _____ (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.
- _____ (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.
- _____ (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.
- _____ (30) Ability to make decisions.
- _____ (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

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Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and all weak performance not overcompensated by outstanding performance.		Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.		Unsatisfactory	

Rated by [Signature] Assistant Director 3-31-47
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)

Reviewed by _____ 3-31-47
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. R. Pennington

DATE: February 4, 1947

FROM : J. T. Logue

R. E. Hood

SUBJECT: BANK ROBBERY ALBUM

A communication has been received from the Los Angeles Office suggesting that the maintenance of the bank robbery album by that office be discontinued. The reasons for this suggestion are: (1) During current years the Los Angeles Field Office has not solved one case as a result of an identification from the bank robbery album. (2) The Agents conducting the bank robbery album advise that exhibition of the bank robbery album to witnesses has confused the witnesses because of the large number of photographs, and the witnesses begin to lose the mental image they had of the subject. (3) The maintenance of the bank robbery album consumes a great amount of administrative and clerical time. (4) The Los Angeles Police Department and Sheriff's Office maintain elaborate photograph albums of bank robbers, classified as to race, age, and type, to which the Los Angeles Field Office has immediate access.

The question as to whether the bank robbery album should be maintained by the various field offices has been raised from time to time in the past. The reasons given for its discontinuance have been practically identical with those contained in the recent Los Angeles letter. On each occasion it has been decided at the Seat of Government that the bank robbery album, if kept current, can be a very usable investigative operation, and that furthermore the maintenance of the album and exhibiting it to banking officials is an impressive investigative step and tends to sell banking personnel on the ability of the Bureau to handle bank robbery cases.

I believe that there is considerable merit to the various arguments set forth in the Los Angeles letter. If, as the Los Angeles Office states, witnesses lose their mental image of the subject by viewing albums, and if they consistently fail to identify subjects in the album, I believe this fact will tend to eliminate one of the arguments for keeping the album, namely, that it is an impressive investigative step to banking officials. I do believe, however, that a bank robbery album is just as effective as the work put into it to keep it current.

If the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office and the Police Department albums are being maintained and are usable, there appears to be no reason why the Los Angeles Office could not have a workable and current bank robbery album. I believe the argument that the Los Angeles law enforcement agencies' albums are available to the Los Angeles Office is not sound because, obviously, if identifications are going to be made from those albums they will be first made by the local law enforcement agency who will have the jump on us in the investigation.

RECOMMENDATION: However, in view of the repeated suggestions from various SACs during the past two years, which I have noted, it is suggested that perhaps the joint committee consisting of representatives from the field as well as the Bureau officials consider the advisability of continuing the bank robbery album.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 22, 1947

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

R.B. Hood

SUBJECT: BANK ROBBERY ALBUM
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

The Bank Robbery Album in the Los Angeles Division contains 560 photographs at the present time. During recent months I have given careful consideration and study to the use of the Bank Robbery Album in the investigation of the several bank robbery cases occurring in this Division. During the past several years, as the Bureau is aware, we have had our share of bank robbery cases and thus far we have failed to make an identification from the album. In fact, I have come to the conclusion that the bank robbery album serves very little purpose due to the fact that when witnesses are brought in and examine a large number of photographs they begin to lose the mental image that they had of the subject. By viewing hundreds of photographs they apparently gradually change the image they had in their minds to correspond with some of the photographs that they have been looking at. I have found that later on when these people see the actual bandit they are sometimes confused and have in some instances practically changed the description from what they originally gave the agents to the description of some new individual that they have concocted because they have had to see so many photographs.

Furthermore, I have found that the administrative work involved in maintaining a large bank robbery album consumes too much of the time of an employee to be worth the effort. The Bureau requires that the bank robbery album be kept up to date at all times. After giving this regulation careful study, it is my opinion that the only way this can be done is to place a stop notice in the Identification Division on each of the 560 individuals that we have in the album. The stop would request the Identification Division to immediately notify this office should any of these individuals be arrested or confined. If such becomes the case, of course, the photograph would be removed from the album and then it would be necessary to place a stop with the penitentiary to which the subject is sentenced to be notified at the time he is released so that his photograph can go back in the album.

In addition, this office is presently on the established mailing list of San Quentin and Folsom Penitentiaries and receive photographs of all their released prisoners, ostensibly for inclusion in the bank robbery album. This amounts to hundreds of new photographs each year. These photographs are of all types of offenders not only robbers and burglars but sneak thieves and etc. I personally do not feel that such a mass of photographs should be included in our bank robbery album. Furthermore, it takes a great deal of clerical time to get the identifying

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Director, FBI

1/22/47

Re: BANK ROBBERY ALBUM
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

data on these photographs and get them entered into our bank robbery album. It is almost an impossible task to keep these photographs in a current status because many of these individuals are re-arrested after they are freed from the penitentiary and some of them die which makes it very difficult to comply with the Bureau's regulations with respect to keeping the album current.

This office works very closely with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office Robbery Squads in bank robbery cases. Both of these departments maintain albums of photographs of released prisoners from Folsom and San Quentin. The albums are classified more or less as to race, ages, types, etc. making it more practical to show a witness photographs of individuals of a particular classification as described by the witness, in order to effect an identification. We have access to these albums and do not have to contribute all the administrative work involved in keeping the album up to date.

It would be my recommendation that this office be permitted to discontinue the maintenance of the bank robbery album. The Bureau may have information contrary to that which I have indicated above to the effect that cases have been solved through witnesses viewing photographs in the album and may desire that this office retain its album. However, it has been our experience in this office that no material good has come from the album, although it is taken out on every bank robbery and the witnesses are shown the photographs in it.

The Bureau is requested to advise me in this respect. The Bureau is also requested to authorize me to remove the name and address of this office from the mailing lists of Folsom and San Quentin Penitentiaries so that we will no longer receive photographs of their releases. I feel that this creates a lot of work for the penitentiaries and an undue burden on this office compared with the amount of good that could be derived from placing all these photographs in an album.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MR. RICHARD B. HOOD

MR. Richard B. Hood

Nature
of Action

Date **June 14, 1947**
 Personnel Action Number
F.B.I. - 25395
 Legal Authority

Effective : **June 15, 1947**

Position	FROM	TO
	Special Agent	Special Agent in Charge
Grade		
	CAP 14	CAP 15
Salary		
	\$9376.50	\$9975
Division and Section Headquarters		
Appropriations		
	S & E, F.B.I. (Natl. Def.)	S & E, F.B.I. SAME
Departmental or Field	Dept.	Field
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NATURE OF POSITION		
a. VICE	b. ADDITIONAL IDENTICAL	c. NEW
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	Date of Birth	Date of Oath

REMARKS

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June 17, 1947

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dick:

I am indeed pleased to advise
you of your reallocation to Grade Caf 15,
\$9,975.00 per annum, effective as of June 15,
1947.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

9 JUN 27 1947

cc Mr. Glavin
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AIR MAIL
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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June 16, 1947

Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dick:

I am indeed pleased to inform you that an appointment to the position of Special Employee-Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been tendered to

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With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

John Edgar Hoover

9 JUN 27 1947

July 14, 1947

Mr. R. D. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 16, 1947, with which you forward a proposed form to request the preparation of a new Source of Information card and suggest its use by all field offices.

I am referring this suggestion to a Special Committee, composed of equal representation from the Seat of Government and the Field, for careful study and analysis, and I will subsequently review the recommendations of this Committee with reference thereto. In the event your suggestion is adopted, you will be so advised and appropriate instructions will be issued accordingly.

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in submitting this suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

MEM:BG

NOTE: SAC Hodd's letter of 6/16/46 being held in Training Div. for action by Special Committee.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. _____
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to July 15, 1947, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Funds,

Name HILDA F. HOOD Address 3919 West 8th Street, Apt. 10, Los Angeles 5, Calif.
Relationship wife Dated June 14, 1947

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name HILDA F. HOOD Address 3919 West 8th Street, Apr. 10, 1947
Relationship wife Dated June 14, 1947
Los Angeles 5, California

Very truly yours,

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Richard B. Howe
Special Agent
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Form PR3 Revised (LWOP)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

No. _____

M Richard B. Hood

Date July 2, 1947

Title

Grade and Salary

Division or Bureau **FBI**

Department ☐

Appropriation

Field ☒ **Agent**

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Remarks

Deduct 8 hours on June 28, 1947.

J. Edgar Hoover

***IMPORTANT:**

This form to be used for reporting all leave without pay EXCEPT military.

Persons returning to duty subsequent to this report or from indefinite leave will not be restored to the pay roll until Form PR3a (LWOP) is submitted.

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CITY OF
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

June 19, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In reply to your communication of June 11 relative to my appointment as Chief of Police of the City of Santa Monica, I wish to express my thanks for your kind offer of assistance to our Department. There is no doubt but that we will need help from your Chief Special Agent in Charge, Mr. R. B. Hood, from time to time. I might add that enforcement officials in this area have the highest regard for your Mr. Hood.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. H. McCLELLAND
Chief of Police

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J. H. McClelland

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: June 16, 1947

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT : PROPOSED FORM FOR REQUEST OF
SOURCE OF INFORMATION CARD

R. B. Hood

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a proposed form which I feel would be of value to the Bureau for use in all Field Offices. This form would be used by Agents to request the preparation of a new Source of Information card for inclusion into the index. The new index card would be prepared on a basis of information submitted on the form after which time the form would be destroyed. The relative merits of such a form are based on the following enumerated reasons.

1. It would encourage Agents to submit sources of Information since it would be easy to use, readily available, and serve as a reminder to them that Sources of Information are an integral part of the Bureau's work. It seems particularly important now that good, active Sources of Information files exist in all offices to facilitate the Bureau's work and allow the minimum number of Agents to perform the maximum amount of work by being able to refer to cooperative and well placed persons in other government agencies, large organizations, and in unusual fields of endeavor from which information is not required frequently but is important to have readily available when it is needed.
2. It will minimize supervisory and clerical work involved in making up Sources of Information cards, and keep the files free of incompletely prepared cards, and of duplicate cards. In filling out such a form, the agents will be graphically reminded of all the information which is necessary and desirable for the preparation of a Source of Information card. They will also be reminded that a search of the general indices is required before a name is submitted as a source, and thereby eliminate duplicates, and the inclusion of persons on whom references of a derogatory nature exist in the office. It will be apparent to the persons charged with the responsibility of preparing the cards for the file that the name has been searched and the references checked, and will leave no doubt in the submitting Agents mind as to whether a card was, in fact made up on the name he submitted.
3. The form will embody all of the information presently required by the manual with several additions which will streamline subsequent handling of the Source, and recontacting the Source to ascertain whether it is still available for use by the office. The "Alternate Source" blank will enable the Agent to list the individual's assistant, secretary, etc., who might make the same information available in the absence of the Source, and hence expand the usability of the file while cutting down the size of it, and necessitating the preparation of another card for the same concern.

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FBI - LOS ANGELES

Director, FBI

June 16, 1947

RE: PROPOSED FORM FOR REQUEST OF SOURCE OF INFORMATION CARD

4. Use of this form throughout the Field will tend to standardize the preparation of Sources of Information, and will create greater uniformity of the files in all offices. It will also standardize the procedure in such a manner as to stimulate Agent's interest in this program. It is felt this will help the Bureau obtain standardization and simplification in the Source of Information project.

5. With the definite possibility existing that in the not too far distant future, the Bureau will again be called upon to undertake another broad and far reaching program similar in nature to the now discontinued Plant Informant program, complete, accurate, and workable Source of Information files are especially desirable. These files could easily be used as a foundation upon which to build a program of that type in a short period of time particularly if special attention had been devoted to making Sources within major industrial plants, Government owned or operated facilities, waterfront institutions and the like. Likewise, the development of Confidential Informants through continuous recontact with Sources of Information should not be overlooked. This possibility becomes increasingly important when considered in light of the Communist Party's program of "Concentration" on Steel, Auto, Rubber, and A. F. of L.

6. The form will improve the quality of the Sources of Information Files, and as they improve and become more valuable to the Agents, there is a tendency to make use of these files more frequently. The more frequent use of the files results in more satisfactory investigations, and in increased in the development and recontact of good Sources of Information heightens Agents interest in the development of Confidential Informants. The fact that it is so apparent to them from obtaining good Information from Sources of Information with a minimum of effort serves to point up to them that the same rule applies after they develop an informant who can and will furnish confidential information relative to a case which they would be unable to obtain from any other source or any other means.

It would be appreciated if the Bureau will consider the enclosed form in the light of the above reasons, and advise this office of its decision concerning its adoption.

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SAC, Los Angeles

June 26, 1947

Director, FBI

Mr. J. H. McClelland
Chief of Police
Santa Monica, California

R. B. Hood

For your information there is attached hereto a copy of a self-explanatory letter from Mr. J. H. McClelland, Chief of Police, Santa Monica, California.

Attachment

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TEXTILE TRADING COMPANY
55 Madison Avenue
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July 2, 1947

Mr. R. B. Hood, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
210 South Spring Street, Room 200
Los Angeles 12, California

Re: Verfall & Kirschner

My dear Mr. Hood:

Last Fall as you know I came to Los Angeles in behalf of the creditors of the above named individuals who had been operating a fur business at 106 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California. This case was one of the first real flagrant frauds we have had on the Coast in several years and as substantial credit granters we could not afford to treat with the situation lightly in view of the fact that about \$20,000.00 had disappeared in about a 4 months period.

I have just received advice to the effect that as a result of the exceptionally fine work done by your unit when I filed a complaint with you, that both of the individuals have received jail sentences.

We try not to bother you boys too much in these matters but we have found from past experience that we always get 100% cooperation.

I want to compliment you on the speed and thorough manner in which you and your associates handled this case and wish you would express the deep appreciation of my organization to the Assistant District Attorney who worked with you.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

OCT 4 1947

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WRH:CG

Copy: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAYNo. 0 4656M Richard E. HoodDate October 23, 19 47

Title

Grade and Salary

Division or Bureau **FBI**Department ☐

Appropriation

Field ☒ **agent**

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Remarks **Deduct 8 hours on October 18, 1947.**J. Edgar Hoover***IMPORTANT:**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent in Charge

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As Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Division is responsible for the proper administration of the division and the direction of all employees; the establishment and maintenance of contacts with all law enforcement agencies; the prompt reporting for investigative action of all cases involving violations of the laws of the United States and the collection of evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest; the assignment of cases received to the Special Agents under his supervision and the issuance of proper instructions regarding the investigations desired. Coordinates activities of all California divisional offices.

Mr. Hood confers with United States Attorneys, Federal Judges, and other officials as required, and may be called upon to personally investigate under the direct supervision of the Director, any major cases of a highly technical or confidential nature for the Attorney General or other Cabinet Officers.

Employees Pay Act of 1946.

Classification Act of 1923 as amended by the Federal

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON
FROM : W. R. GLAVIN
SUBJECT:

DATE: June 5, 1947

R. B. Hood

Reference is made to the Director's memorandum of June 4, 1947, concerning the handling of annual efficiency ratings both in the Field and in the Administrative Division.

Answering the Director's inquiry concerning how such oversights could take place in the Administrative Division in so far as the Excellent efficiency ratings on Special Agent D. W. Magee and I. B. Hale are concerned, these efficiency ratings were not changed upon receipt since the information contained in the written portion of the efficiency rating contained no information which would lead the individual reviewing the efficiency rating to believe that the rating should be changed.

The procedure which has been followed in the Administrative Division in reviewing efficiency ratings is to carefully review the narrative comments which accompany the rating and in those instances where the narrative comment does not support the adjective rating given, we have been communicating with the various Special Agents in Charge and requesting further information as to the reasons for certain adjective ratings being afforded. A number of such letters have gone out during the past several months in connection with the annual efficiency ratings which were due March 31st, 1947.

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter dated March 12, 1947, which was sent to all Special Agents in Charge concerning the preparation of annual efficiency reports. It will be noted that on page 1 of the letter in question, the statement is made in the last paragraph of that page that "the annual rating is the evaluation of the services of the employee as of March of each year based upon his performance while on active duty during the preceding twelve-month period." It is felt that there should have been no misunderstanding in the Field concerning the period for which the rating was made.

Since there has been some misunderstanding, there are only two ways in which the Bureau can assure itself that the ratings given at the annual rating period, March 31 of each year, are correct and that is:

1. That at the time the efficiency ratings are received, the file of every Bureau employee be called and that a thorough review of the file be made to see if any pertinent comment

MR. TOLSON

which is contained in the personnel file having to do with dereliction or commendable duty has been forgotten in the annual efficiency report, or

2. Each and every time any administrative or disciplinary action of any kind is taken, an appropriate tickler card be prepared and a tickler be maintained in the Personnel Office of the Administrative Division and the individual tickler cards be checked against efficiency ratings when they are submitted.

Either of the above suggested systems which are the only ones which will afford the opportunity of a complete check of the efficiency ratings to determine whether the rating officer has taken into consideration the full year's work will necessitate a tremendous amount of work for the value received. I personally do not feel that the value which would be received as a result of such a system being set up would offset the expense entailed. Should you desire that either of the above systems be established, immediate instructions will be issued to set up such records as are necessary. The only alternative would be to again advise the Special Agents in Charge that the rating must cover a twelve-month period, and that each Special Agent in Charge must take into consideration the work performed by the man during the entire twelve-month period. It may be that the Bureau would be desirous of having the Special Agents in Charge specifically enumerate any delinquencies of the employee being rated if, as a result of such delinquencies, disciplinary action has been taken.

There are attached hereto letters to SAC Hood and SAC Brantley concerning their Excellent ratings on Special Agents Magee and Hale.

There is also attached hereto a suggested letter to the Special Agents in Charge concerning the preparation of the submission of the annual efficiency reports and the shortcomings in the reports which have been submitted for the year ending March 31, 1947.

Attachments

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July 24, 1947

Mr. W. Roy Hennie
Assistant Secretary
Textile Bankers Company
35 Madison Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Hennie:

The copy of your letter dated July 2, 1947, addressed to Mr. R. E. Hood, Special Agent in Charge of our Los Angeles Office, has been received. Your kind remarks relative to the effective manner in which our Agents discharged their duties in connection with the case you mention are indeed appreciated. It is most gratifying to know that you hold this Bureau in such high esteem.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC - Los Angeles

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September 30, 1947

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Dick:

I was very gratified to learn of your able and diligent maintenance of the Bureau's interests at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Convention in Duluth. You may be sure I am appreciative of the efforts and sacrifices that were involved in your attendance at the Convention.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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November 19, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS

R. B. Hood

In connection with the attached memorandum of Mr. Fletcher's dated November 19, 1947, I want immediate communication by telephone to be had with Mr. Hood, the SAC at Los Angeles. I want Mr. Hood to be informed in no unmistakable manner that he must immediately take steps to see that matters of this kind are handled more telligently. .

We have no right to demand or request that something not be printed by a newspaper. Certainly, we should never make such a request of a Communist newspaper because it would be naive for us to believe that such a paper would not print the fact that we requested that they not print the information which they purported to have. It is entirely proper that when we are queried about a matter that is absolutely untrue that we deny it, but in no event should we make the request that a newspaper withhold the printing even though the information be untrue.

Furthermore, Agents of this Bureau should not be indiscriminately going out on wild goose chases to cover some vague allegation of a Communist meeting as was done in this instance. I had assumed that we had more than enough legitimate work to keep our personnel busy rather than barge off on wild goose expeditions. As a result of the bad judgment in this case we cannot deny absolutely that we did not have Agents present because the Agent was actually there. We must impress upon our personnel that they have got to be constantly alert to see that they are not being used by either one side or the other in matters of this kind. Even though there was to be a Communist meeting held at the place indicated, I don't see what an Agent of this Bureau would have to do in covering it. Certainly, by participating with the Sheriff in taking a drive with him we incur the embarrassment that may subsequently arise.

I want Mr. Hood to be fully informed of my displeasure at the manner in which this situation has been handled, and I want no repetition of it.

This is practically identical with the actions of the SAC at Milwaukee in sending Agents out to observe the apprehension of the two escaped convicts who had committed a murder and a criminal assault. While it is true in the latter case we had a warrant under the Automobile Theft Statute, nevertheless, we didn't take charge of the apprehension and I see no purpost why we should be standing in the offing looking on unless we intended to take charge and proceede to do so. As a result, the mere fact that we were at least in the vicinity resulted in critical comment about the fact that the two convicts had been able to sneak from the farm

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house to the barn without being observed by the Deputy Sheriff and the FBI Agents.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment (with Mr. Tolson's copy)

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

SAC, Los Angeles

November 13, 1947

Director, FBI

UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY (R)

Reference is made to your letter dated November 4, 1947, entitled "Soviet Intelligence Activities; Espionage - R" in which you suggested that the Bureau give consideration to establishing coverage of United Nations delegates associated with the U.S.S.R.

At the present time the Bureau is not investigating any group of delegates attending the United Nations; however, when specific information is received regarding a particular individual who is allegedly engaged in subversive activities, a request is made of the State Department for authority to conduct an investigation. If such authority is granted, an appropriate investigation is then instituted.

It is realized that you have given considerable thought to this matter and the ideas and suggestions set forth in your letter are sincerely appreciated. However, the Bureau does not believe it to be practical at this time to establish complete coverage over all Soviet national associated with the United Nations.

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Los Angeles, California
November 4 - 1947

Director, FBI

Personal Attention: Assistant Director
D. M. Ladd

Re: SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

While it is not known to what extent the Bureau could do so, it is suggested that the Bureau give consideration to establishing coverage of United Nations delegates of the U.S.S.R.

The various Soviet delegations to the UN undoubtedly require extensive information to carry out their respective functions. While the bulk of this information most likely comes to them through diplomatic sources, it is believed that they may possibly also make use of intelligence contacts to obtain information. This possibility exists, it is felt, in view of the essential role that complete information plays in the activities of such delegations. They require, it would seem, absolutely current, reliable and detailed information on numerous subject matters, and the need for much of it must necessarily arise suddenly on numerous occasions.

The Bureau's role at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco is brought to mind here as being similar to the type of activity that the Soviet delegations must find necessary to remain supplied with up-to-date information. This suggests that the Bureau might well attempt to determine the various contacts and sources of information they must be utilizing.

In addition, the Soviet delegations themselves undoubtedly include personnel who primarily carry out intelligence and security functions, and these personnel would logically be employees of the M.C.B. and other intelligence services.

It is requested that after consideration of this matter the Bureau advise this office of its comments.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD
SAC

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Los Angeles, California
October 15, 1947

Director, FBI

RE: SUGGESTION

Dear Sir:

Rebulet October 8, 1947 to various SACs regarding a suggestion that in the closed files of a field office, the files in each drawer be arranged in layers running from side to side instead of running in one layer from front to back.

This experiment has been made in the Los Angeles Office and I feel that the saving in space does not compensate for the inconvenience and the possibility of errors created by this system. In the first place, it was found that approximately 25% of the space was saved only in the legal size cabinets. In the letter size cabinets approximately two inches of space could be saved. The majority of our cabinets are letter size; that is, there are 353 letter and 239 legal size cabinets.

We found that the files have to be packed tightly in the drawer in order to keep them safely in an up-right position and to avoid their falling over and being caught on the side of the cabinet when the drawer is closed. Also, they would have to be filed with the first serial numbers in the back row so that any vacant space in the drawer would be in the front row; otherwise, when the drawer is closed the front row slides into the back row. It is necessary to have some vacant space in the drawer in order for expansion in many classifications of cases, such as Crime Survey Files, Miscellaneous "O" Files, dead "C" Files, etc.

Reference is made to SAC Letter No. 128 dated September 30, 1947, Section (L), which requires that files be placed in the closed file section without folders. Our experience is that this method of filing may save a little space but that the Acco fasteners on the files stick together, the file jackets become worn and torn in those classifications where there is considerable reference to the files, such as the "100" classification, and there is considerable opportunity for errors. This situation is accentuated by filing the files crosswise in the drawer, as they have to be packed in tightly. When the Acco fasteners stick together, there is a good likelihood of misfiles and where no jackets are used, it is practically impossible to check periodically for missing files.

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Director
Re: Suggestion

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I find under the Bureau's requirement that files be placed in the closed section without jackets, it is very difficult to charge out a closed file. We are presently charging out a great many of these files under the Atomic Energy Applicant Program as there are many references to the names of these applicants. Where the chargeout slip is slipped between files packed tightly in the drawer, it is very difficult to refile the file in its proper position or to determine who has a particular file, due to the difficulty of trying to locate the chargeout slip. We find it hard to place returned, initialed serials and chargeout requests in the proper place in the closed section under the present system.

The experiment with filing the files crosswise in the drawers brought out the fact that the file cabinet drawers are greasy in order for the drawers to slide in properly, and the employees have to stand on the side of the drawers, thus getting their clothes dirty.

It would be my recommendation, with reference to this current suggestion and the requirement in SAC Letter No. 128, that the SAC be allowed to survey his closed file section and determine which classifications are seldom referred to. This would perhaps include the classifications of 1, 67, 77, 98, 116, 117, etc. and where he finds that these classifications are rarely checked, to be permitted to destroy the jackets, and in the case of legal size drawers, even arrange the files crosswise in the drawer; however, it is recommended that in those classifications of cases in which there is frequent reference to the files, he be authorized to maintain the files in their jackets and in the normal front-to-back order of filing. If he cannot be given this option, it would be my recommendation that the suggestion of filing the files from side to side in the drawers not be approved.

Very truly yours,

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AIR MAIL

R. B. HOOD, SAC.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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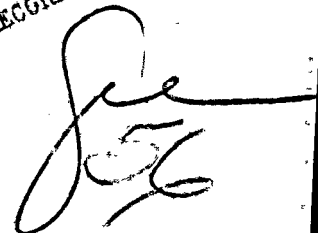
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December 12, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On December 10th I saw SAC Richard B. Hood of the Los Angeles Field Division. I pointed out to Mr. Hood the concern which I have had over the lack of anticipation of the difficulty incident to the Agent at least being in the offing at the time of the recent American Legion Communist controversy which occurred in his district. I told Mr. Hood that it was imperative that we endeavor to anticipate such complications and embarrassments and avoid them.

I also called Mr. Hood's attention to the case of Special Agent Skousen who was recently disciplined for disclosing to an applicant certain unfavorable information developed by this Bureau in the course of its investigation. I told Mr. Hood that I wanted him to impress upon all his personnel that the Bureau did not intend to tolerate even to the slightest extent the disclosure of any confidential information to outside parties nor to tolerate the loss of papers and documents while in the possession of an employee. I told Mr. Hood that as to the latter Mr. Skousen was not involved but that we had had a series of such incidents occur in other field offices and I was desirous of all SAC's cautioning their personnel accordingly.

I also told Mr. Hood that I had called to the Attorney General's attention the alleged leak in the United States Attorney's Office incident to the arrest of Smiley and that the Attorney General had requested that we kind of keep an "eye on the situation" to develop any specific indications of such activity in the future. 67-25634-307

Very truly yours, *J. E. H.*

John Edgar Hoover

Director FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 11:00 AM
DATE 12-13-47
BY MLC

Los Angeles, California
December 6, 1947

Director, FBI

RE: SUGGESTIONS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 26, 1947, addressed to various SACs, containing suggestions with reference to handling lead sheets, particularly in applicant investigations. After due consideration, the following is suggested:

When a request comes from the Bureau for an applicant investigation and the request contains leads in various parts of the territory, the Supervisor should immediately have the necessary number of copies of the document made for distribution to the various Agents who will handle the leads. An extra copy should be made for the file. At the bottom of the retyped lead sheets there should be set out the fact that carbon copies have been sent to the various Agents who are to cover the leads. After the Agents have covered the leads indicated on their copy of the lead sheet, they should write across the face of their copy "COVERED" and turn it in with their dictation. The Supervisor, upon getting the dictation, will tear up the copy of the lead sheet.

With a copy of the lead sheet in the file, I do not feel that it is necessary to have a charge-out record as the lead sheet itself shows who have copies of the document and which leads they are to cover. There is some control on the covering of the leads by having the Supervisor destroy the lead sheet after the material has been dictated. This procedure avoids the necessity of the Chief Clerk's Office opening up a file several times in order that the charged-out copies of the lead sheets can be placed in their proper sequence in the file. This also avoids bulkiness in the files in these cases as some cases require the making of as many as eight and ten lead sheets.

For the Bureau's information, I am enclosing an actual sample of the lead sheet typed up in this office.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD, SAC

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Applicant's present address is 700th CIC Det., Bolling Field, D.C. He was born 2/12/21, Bremerton, Wash., is white, and has no Soc. Sec. No. listed. The position involved is on Project 19. Care should be taken during the course of this investigation not to disclose the fact that this applicant is being considered for work in connection with the Atomic Energy Program.

RESIDENCES:

4041 Via Saloma, Palos Verdes (last civilian address before entering armed forces); 1940, 107 W. 42nd St., Los Angeles; 1940-42, 4850 Ruth Ave., Long Beach.

EDUCATION:

1939-40, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles;
1940-42, Long Beach Jr. College, Long Beach, Calif.

EMPLOYMENT:

1940-42, part-time busboy Jone Cafe, 105 - 5th St., Long Beach, Calif.

CREDIT REFERENCES:

RAY E. WEBB, 4625 Ruth Ave., Long Beach; R. H. ZIEMER, Magna Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates; FRED SINGLETON, 4041 Via Saloma, Palos Verdes Estates; WILLIAM PASCHAL, Burnett Drug Store, Long Beach.

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CC TO:

SA DE JEAN will cover leads at Redondo Beach and Palos Verdes
SA RANEY at Long Beach
SA POND at Los Angeles

CASE ASSIGNED TO SA POND

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

United States Government

To: Mr. Tolson

12-13-47

From: J. P. Mohr

Subject: DISTURBANCE OF DEMOCRATIC CLUB
MEETING AT LA CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA
November 14, 1947
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

MARCUS M. BRIGHT, Special Agent
JAMES C. ELLSWORTH, Assistant, SAC
LAWRENCE M. ITEN, Special Agent
Los Angeles Division

This case involves the uninvited appearance of an estimated 20 individuals, some of whom have been identified as members of the American Legion, at a meeting held on the evening of November 14, 1947, at the home of one Hugh Hardyman, La Crescenta, California. The group which held the meeting was called the La Crescenta-Canada Democratic Club of Montrose, California, and the principal speaker was David N. Leff, a former UNRRA Information Officer who spoke on the subject, "The Cominform and the Marshall Plan". Just before Leff's talk, the 20 individuals entered the meeting and served notice on the assembled group to break it up within ten minutes. The intruders departed after a few minutes and there was no violence.

According to the Los Angeles Times of November 19, 1947, which accurately describes the actual activities at the Hardyman residence, the Legionnaires went to the Hardyman home, rang the bell and were admitted. One of the group asked permission to read a statement and that permission was granted by the chairman of the meeting. The spokesman read the statement and the Legionnaires left. According to this newspaper article, Mrs. Hardyman corroborated the statement concerning the arrival and entry of the men and the fact that most of them were wearing caps bearing American Legion Post 127 insignia. Members of the club found the statement as read to the group objectionable. The American Civil Liberties Union wired a protest to the National President of the American Legion and said the Legionnaires' "action is believed to be a natural fruit of the Legion plans to take law into private hands in spotting subversives - a government function." According to the Los Angeles Times article, Hardyman, a member of the Progressive Citizens of America, and a group of the Club members demanded issuance of criminal complaints against their unwelcome guests.

Hugh Hardyman during the last Congressional election campaigned in behalf of the candidacy of an alleged Communist sympathizer. Hardyman in a letter to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles dated November 26, 1947, complained of numerous violations of civil rights by constituted authorities of Glendale, California, and his complaint has been referred to Mr. Quinn of the Department. This complaint is still pending in the Criminal Division of the Department as to investigation of the alleged Civil Rights violation.

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The people's World has made capital in its paper concerning the disturbance at the meeting at the Hardyman residence and printed a story captioned, "FBI Men Linked to Raid on Democratic Meeting." This story stated that two FBI Agents were present as observers when the Legionnaires raided the meeting. The People's World also printed an article to the effect that the FBI had "demanded" that nothing be printed about alleged FBI participation in the so-called raid. The Daily Worker has also carried stories to the effect that the FBI participated in this raid.

A teletype dated December 12, 1947, has been received from the Los Angeles Office advising that 20 men are on trial on charges of disturbing the peace before the Glendale, California Justice of the Peace who is hearing the case without a jury. It was reported that the Glendale District Attorney's investigator, Lieutenant Busse, testified on the witness stand that one of the defendants, Stanley E. Lord, told him that when they were on the way to the Hardyman residence, Lord had told others in the group that there would be two FBI men and a woman in the audience and that they would be hard to identify if a fight started. The defendants include fourteen Legionnaires and six newspapermen.

Miss Virginia Gardner of the People's World telephonically advised the Los Angeles Office that the story was being published in her paper, stating that it was testified that three FBI employees were at the meeting. She was told by Assistant SAC Ellsworth that there was no comment on such testimony and that we denied our personnel was present. Miss Gardner asked Ellsworth if we would still deny that we knew there was going to be a raid on the meeting and she was told that we do deny having any such information.

SPECIAL AGENT PARTICIPATION IN THE RAID - MARCUS M. BRIGHT

Special Agent Bright stated that some time on the morning of November 14, 1947, Deputy Sheriff George Weiner of the Anti-Subversive Detail of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office telephonically advised him that a Communist meeting had been scheduled to take place in Montrose that evening and that he, Weiner, had been designated to cover the meeting. Bright said he told Weiner at the time that as far as he knew, the Party did not have a branch in Montrose and inquired if Weiner had the names of anyone supposed to be behind the meeting, whereupon Weiner replied that the meeting was to be held at the home of one Hugh Hardyman. Bright said he checked the office records but found nothing on Hardyman as a Party member and Bright said he advised Weiner accordingly. Weiner invited Bright to accompany him that evening to cover the meeting and Bright said since he lived in that neighborhood, owning his own home about three miles from the Hardyman residence, he went around with Weiner to make a routine check of the activities at the meeting.

Bright pointed out that it had been standard investigative technique in the past to cover Communist meetings by spot checking the license numbers at or near the alleged Communist gatherings and that this was a very important investigative technique where no informants were attending the gathering.

Weiner, using an undercover car, drove Bright by the Hardyman address at about 8:15 p.m. and as they went by it was noted there were some 20 cars parked near by. Bright suggested that Weiner not stop the car but drive by slowly and call off license numbers and this was done. Bright made the observation that it did not appear to be a Communist Party meeting and that a few of the license numbers should be checked out so the true nature of the meeting could be determined. On questioning, Weiner stated the original information had come from a Sheriff's Office Sub-station and Bright suggested they drive over there to determine the details. At the Sub-station, the Deputy on duty stated all that was known was that a couple of American Legion men had stopped at the Sub-station that day and said there was to be a communist gathering. At that time the Deputy at the Sub-station said the meeting was public and had been announced in the paper, whereupon Bright checked a local paper and determined that the meeting had in fact been publicized. Bright said he thereupon told Weiner that he had no further interest in the meeting and that he was going home.

Weiner offered to drive Bright ^{part} the way home until such time as they could find a Sheriff's Office radio car. Within two blocks of the Hardyman residence a Sheriff's Office radio car was spotted and at that time individuals were coming out of the Hardyman residence. Weiner spoke to one of them, a Legionnaire, and made inquiry as to what was going on. The Legionnaire told Weiner that a PAC meeting was being held and that they told them to "break it up and disperse the gathering." Bright said he was immediately taken home, arriving there at 9:00 p.m., and called the office. He pointed out specifically he did not question anyone, did not identify himself to anyone and had absolutely no intention of endeavoring to cover a political meeting. Bright said his only purpose in going to the meeting was to make a spot check from the outside of a reported Communist gathering in a bona fide effort to supplement the information on the Communist Party in the Los Angeles Office.

TELEPHONE INQUIRY FROM LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

Assistant SAC James C. Ellsworth stated on the afternoon of November 17, 1947, he received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as Verne Partlow of the Los Angeles Daily News. Partlow said he had been assigned to cover the disturbance at the Hardyman residence and that an anonymous telephone call had been made to the paper which had been referred to Partlow. Partlow said this anonymous caller identified the activities at the Hardyman residence and said the group of Legionnaires who participated in this affair were not worried about any repercussions as they had full cooperation from the Sheriff's Office and the FBI. This anonymous source also said the Legionnaires had a confidential contact with the FBI and that in fact one FBI Agent was in the party in an undercover capacity acting as a recording secretary. Mr. Partlow said he wanted to verify whether the FBI had actually placed an Agent among the Legionnaires in an undercover capacity. Ellsworth said he denied the allegation and he told Partlow since the allegations about the FBI were false he did not feel that they should be published. Nothing has appeared in the Los Angeles Daily News concerning this matter. Ellsworth concluded that he felt where it is possible, especially with a friendly paper,

we should protect the Bureau's interests by making a suggestion such as he did that the false allegation not be published. Verne Partlow and his wife are both Party members and it is believed that he may have furnished his story to the People's World.

CALL FROM PEOPLE'S WORLD - SA LAWRENCE M. ITEN

Special Agent Iten has advised that on the afternoon of November 18, 1947, he received a call which was referred from the SAC's Office in the absence of Mr. Hood and after some difficulty because the caller would not identify herself he was able to determine that the caller was a Miss Virginia Gardner of the People's World and she was inquiring concerning the FBI disrupting a Democratic meeting at La Crescenta. Special Agent Iten said Miss Gardner was argumentative and quite belligerent and although the conversation was short, she attempted to engage in lengthy discussion of generalities and she appeared to have ready a set of questions to ask. Agent Iten said he was emphatic and confined his answers strictly to a denial of the presence of Agents at the meeting at La Crescenta. He told her that the information which she had that the FBI Agents had been present at the meeting was false and since the allegation was not true requested that she not publish it.

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The foregoing is submitted for your information.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 12/8/47

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT : DISTURBANCE OF DEMOCRATIC CLUB
MEETING AT LA CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA
November 14, 1947
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

MARCUS M. BRIGHT, Special Agent
JAMES C. ELLSWORTH, Assistant SAC
LAWRENCE M. ITEN, Special Agent
Los Angeles Division

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This case involves the uninvited appearance of an estimated 20 individuals, some of whom have been identified as members of the American Legion, at a meeting held on the evening of November 14, 1947 at the home of one Hugh Hardyman, La Crescenta, California. The group which held the meeting was called the La Crescenta-Canada Democratic Club of Montrose, California, and the principal speaker was David N. Leff, a former UNRRA Information Officer who spoke on the subject, "The Cominform and the Marshall Plan." Just before Leff's talk th 20 individuals entered the meeting and served notice on the assembled group to break it up within ten minutes. The intruders departed after a few minutes and there was no violence.

Hardyman during the last Congressional election campaigned in behalf of the candidacy of an alleged Communist sympathizer. Hardyman in a letter to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles dated November 26, 1947, complained of numerous violations of civil rights by constituted authorities of Glendale, California, and his complaint has been referred to Mr. Quinn of the department.

The People's World has made capital in its paper concerning the disturbance at the meeting at the Hardyman residence and printed a story captioned, "FBI Men Linked to Raid on Democratic Meeting." This story stated that two FBI Agents were present as observers when the Legionnaires raided the meeting. The People's World also printed an article to the effect that the FBI had "demanded" that nothing be printed about alleged FBI participation in the so-called raid. The Daily Worker has also carried stories to the effect that the FBI participated in this raid.

SPECIAL AGENT PARTICIPATION IN THE RAID - MARCUS M. BRIGHT

Special Agent Bright stated that some time on the morning of November 14, 1947, Deputy Sheriff George Weiner of the Anti-Subversive Detail of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office telephonically advised him that a Communist meeting had been scheduled to take place in Montrose that evening and that he, Weiner, had been designated to cover the meeting. Bright said he told Weiner at the time

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that as far as he knew, the Party did not have a branch in Montrose and inquired if Weiner had the names of anyone supposed to be behind the meeting, whereupon Weiner replied that the meeting was to be held at the home of one Hugh Hardyman. Bright said he checked the office records but found nothing on Hardyman as a Party member and Bright said he advised Weiner accordingly. Weiner invited Bright to accompany him that evening to cover the meeting and Bright said since he lived in the neighborhood, owning his own home about three miles from the Hardyman address, he went around with Weiner to make a routine check of the activities at the meeting.

Bright pointed out that it had been standard investigative technique in the past to cover Communist meetings by spot checking the license numbers at or near the alleged Communist gatherings and that this was a very important investigative technique where no informants were attending the gathering. Weiner using an undercover car drove Bright by the Hardyman address, at about 8:15 P.M., and as they went by it was noted there were some 20 cars parked near by. Bright suggested that Weiner not stop the car but drive by slowly and call off license numbers and this was done. Bright made the observation that it did not appear to be a Communist Party meeting and that a few of the license numbers should be checked out so the true nature of the meeting could be determined. On questioning, Weiner stated the original information had come from a Sheriff's Office Sub-station and Bright suggested they drive over there to determine the details. At the Sub-station the Deputy on duty stated all that was known was that a couple of American Legion men had stopped at the Sub-station that day and said there was to be a Communist gathering. At that time the Deputy Sheriff at the Sub-station said the meeting was public and had been announced in the paper, whereupon Bright checked a local paper and determined that the meeting had in fact been publicized. Bright said he thereupon told Weiner that he had no further interest in the meeting and that he was going home.

Weiner offered to drive Bright part of the way home until such time as they could find a Sheriff's Office radio car. Within two blocks of the Hardyman residence a Sheriff's Office radio car was spotted and at that time individuals were coming out of the Hardyman residence. Weiner spoke to one of them, a Legionnaire, and made inquiry as to what was going on. The Legionnaire told Weiner that a PAC meeting was being held and that they had told them to "break it up and disperse the gathering." Bright said he was immediately taken home, arriving there at 9:00 P.M. and called the office. He pointed out specifically he did not question anyone, did not identify himself to anyone and had absolutely no intention of endeavoring to cover a political meeting. Bright said his only purpose in going to the meeting was to make a spot check from the outside of a reported Communist gathering in a bona fide effort to supplement the information on the Communist Party in the Los Angeles Office.

TELEPHONE INQUIRY FROM LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

Assistant SAC James C. Ellsworth stated on the afternoon of November 17, 1947, he received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as Verne Partlow of the Los Angeles Daily News. Partlow said he had been assigned to cover the disturbance at the Hardyman residence and that an anonymous telephone call had been made to the paper which had been referred to Partlow. Partlow said this anonymous caller

identified the activities at the Hardyman residence and said the group of Legionnaires who participated in this affair were not worried about any repercussions as they had full cooperation from the Sheriff's Office and the FBI. This anonymous source also said the Legionnaires had a confidential contact with the FBI and that in fact one FBI Agent was in the party in an undercover capacity acting as a recording secretary. Mr. Partlow said he wanted to verify whether the FBI had actually placed an Agent among the Legionnaires in an undercover capacity. Ellsworth said he denied the allegation and he told Partlow since the allegations about the FBI were false he did not feel that they should be published. Nothing has appeared in the Los Angeles Daily News concerning this matter. Ellsworth concluded that he felt where it is possible, especially with a friendly paper, we should protect the Bureau's interest by making a suggestion such as he did that the false allegation not be published. Verne Partlow and his wife are both Party members and it is believed that he may have furnished his story to the People's World.

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HOOVER'S NOTATION: "I concur." H.

/s/ J.P. Mohr

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: 1-10-48

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahm	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

For record purposes, SAC Hood in a conversation on the phone on the evening of January 6th stated that he was able to make arrangements to purchase a house near Pasadena which could be bought at a considerable bargain. He asked my advice. I told him, of course, all of us are subject to call at any time, but that I knew of no plans involving his being moved out of Los Angeles and that I personally thought it would be a good venture. 35038-308

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOTICE OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAYNo. 0 13839M. Richard B. HoodDate February 24, 19 48

Title

Grade and Salary

Division or Bureau **FBI**Department ☐

Appropriation

Field ☒ **Agent**

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Indefinite []*

Remarks

31**Deduct 3 4 hours on 1-31-48.****J. Edgar Hoover*****IMPORTANT:**

This form to be used for reporting all leave without pay EXCEPT military.

Persons returning to duty subsequent to this report or from indefinite leave will not be restored to the pay roll until Form PR3a (LWOP) is submitted.

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W. R. GLAVIN

February 5, 1948

H. L. EDWARDS

WILLIAM LAWRENCE BYRNE, JR.
Special Agent
Los Angeles Office

R. B. HOOD

RE: OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

The Bureau received an anonymous communication postmarked San Francisco, California alleging that an Agent working in Los Angeles by the name of William Burns had, "always secured so-called sick leave so he could scout a game and be paid for reporting it to Eastern papers during the football season of 1947 and 1948", and that the extra income derived therefrom was not included in the Agent's Personal Income Tax Form. He also alleged that the Agent used his identity to secure hotel accommodations while on vacation.

SAC Hood advised that the aforementioned letter undoubtedly refers to Special Agent William L. Byrne of that Office.

COMMENTS OF AGENT BYRNE

This Agent stated that in 1946 he scouted one football game for the Philadelphia Eagles Football Team and three for Notre Dame and in 1947 he scouted no collegiate games because of Saturday work, but scouted four football games for the Philadelphia Eagles. He said that it would have been impossible for him to have taken sick leave for the games scouted in 1946 as they were played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and the four games in 1947 were played on a Friday night and on Sunday afternoons.

He stated that he was paid \$50.00 for each game and that all income so derived in 1946 was reported in his 1946 income tax return and all income derived in 1947 will be report in the 1947 return. With reference to the allegation that he used his identity to secure hotel accommodations while on vacation, the Agent advised that in the summer of 1947 he obtained reservations at the Hotel Canterbury in San Francisco for two nights at which time his identity as an Agent was made known but it was clearly indicated to the hotel room clerk that he was on vacation and was not in San Francisco in an official capacity adding that it was obvious since he was accompanied by his wife, mother-in-law and two children.

COMMENTS OF SAC HOOD

The SAC stated that in view of the contents of the Agent's statement, there definitely appeared to be nothing irregular in his conduct and an examination of his leave record during the fall of 1947 disproved the statement in the

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anonymous communication that he took sick leave to cover any football games. He added that the anonymous communication was regarded as entirely without foundation and was nothing but a contemptible effort to discredit the Agent.

RECOMMENDATION

It is noted that Section 2B (15) of the Manual of Rules and Regulations states that an employee shall not obtain outside employment without first obtaining Bureau authorization. Inasmuch as there is no information in the Agent's Personnel File to reflect that he complied with the Bureau's instructions in this regard, it is recommended that the attached letter of caution go forward to him.

Attachment

CC: Personnel File of SAC Hood
Los Angeles Office Personnel File

CRD:lac



United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Los Angeles 13, California

January 16, 1948

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to February 15, 1948, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~MONEY ORDER~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary for F. B. I. Agents' Insurance Fund:

Name HILDA F. HOOD Address c/o FIELD OFFICE
Relationship WIFE Dated JANUARY 16, 1948

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

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Relationship WIFE Dated JANUARY 16, 1948

Very truly yours, 67-NOT RECORDED 4

Richard B. Lane
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California

Nov. 25, 1947

Director, FBI

RE: TICKLER FILE FOR BULKY EXHIBITS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 53, dated September 17th last, with reference to the above matter, wherein it was provided that each office should set up a special 3 x 5 file to serve as a tickler and inventory of every bulky exhibit in the office.

This is no problem whatever with reference to bulky exhibits of the usual type such as firearms, uniforms, material in theft from interstate shipment cases and the like. Insofar as closed files are concerned, especially in such matters as bankruptcy, antitrust, etc. where the nature of the exhibits is mostly documentary, it will require a considerable amount of time to examine the exhibits in closed files for they have been filed away with the actual files.

In view of the fact that the Bureau is presently considering a recommendation to destroy files in the field offices after they have attained a certain age, permission is requested to withhold the survey of bulky exhibits of a documentary nature until such time as a definite decision is reached on the destruction of files, for it will be a duplication of work to look at the exhibits now and in many instances go back and look at the files again in a few months to consider them for destruction. It is understood that this relates solely to evidence of a documentary nature.

Unless instructed to the contrary by the Bureau, this office will withhold actual survey of such exhibits until the Bureau has reached a decision concerning the destruction of files. It is suggested that a considerable saving of time could be effected in all offices by following this same procedure.

Very truly yours,

/s/ r b hood

R. B. HOOD, SAC

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November 21, 1947

~~Personal and Confidential~~

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

Confirming the telephone call of Mr. Tamm on November 20th, I desire to express to you my complete dissatisfaction with the manner in which your office handled the situation involving the meeting at the Hardyman residence on the night of November 15th in La Crescenta, California.

In the first place, I do not believe that upon the basis of the information furnished to your office by a deputy sheriff there was any justification whatsoever for a Bureau agent's proceeding to the situs of this meeting for the purpose of "covering" it. I do not believe that agents of the Bureau should indiscriminately go out on wild goose chases of this kind to cover some vague allegation of a Communist meeting, such as was done in this instance. I had assumed that the Los Angeles Office had more than enough legitimate work to keep your personnel busy. As a result of the very bad judgment which has been displayed in this case, it is impossible for the Bureau to deny absolutely that we did not have agents present at the scene of the Legion demonstration against this meeting because actually an agent was or had been there.

In so far as the telephone call which was made to your office by a representative of the "People's World" indicating that they had a story that FBI agents were present at the raid on the meeting, I feel it was a grievous mistake to ask the newspaper not to print the story. As a matter of policy, I believe it is a mistake, at any time, to ask a newspaper to withhold the publication of a story, even though the story may be false in so far as the Bureau's actions are concerned. I believe we can legitimately insist that a newspaper print our denial of a story but I do not believe we properly can ask the withholding of the publication of a story. I believe this policy applies to all newspapers, but our position is even more untenable when your office asks a paper of such obviously anti-Bureau feeling as the "People's World" to withhold the publication of a story.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. R. B. Hood

The manner in which the "People's World" would capitalize on such a request is so obvious that I cannot understand how any Bureau representative would display the atrocious judgment which was displayed in this situation.

I desire to repeat, I am grossly dissatisfied with the manner in which your office handled all aspects of this situation and I want no repetition of it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Los Angeles, California
February 27, 1948

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR ✓

Re: SAC R. B. HOOD

Mr. Hood assisted me during the inspection of the El Paso Office. I was absent during the major portion of the inspection and it was necessary for Mr. Hood to use his own initiative.

Mr. Hood has a thorough understanding of office administration and was very thorough during the inspection. He is fully qualified to conduct inspections.

W. E. Guiney
Inspector

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March 5, 1948

Mr. R. B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to certain criticism that was directed against employees of your office by the Collector of Customs in Los Angeles for their alleged failure to cooperate with the Customs Office in connection with a case involving an attempt by two suspicious individuals to sell a very valuable diamond to a local jeweler.

After carefully reviewing all of the information submitted in this matter, it is felt that the aforementioned criticism would have been averted if the case had been properly handled by your office. In the first place, as you have pointed out, Agent John J. Bradley, to whom the case was originally assigned, failed to carry out his responsibilities in not immediately notifying Customs by telephone of the developments in the matter just as soon as he ascertained that the Bureau did not have jurisdiction. If there was any misunderstanding in his mind concerning the course of action to follow, he should have immediately contacted his supervisor or another superior in the office for further instructions.

Although you have stated that in your opinion the real responsibility in this instance was that of Agent Bradley, I do not feel that the entire responsibility for the improper handling of this matter should be placed on him. I feel that Acting Supervisor Carroll Doyle was also derelict in not issuing more specific instructions to Agent Bradley with regard to the course of action to be followed by him and certainly Mr. Doyle should have sensed a possible violation of the Customs laws upon examining the original complaint before assigning it to Agent Bradley. Accordingly, it seems that he should have followed this case more closely to make certain that it was immediately reported to Customs if it was ascertained that the Bureau did not have jurisdiction as it developed in this case.

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Further, Agent Maurice E. Goudge's abrupt handling of the two Customs Agents who appeared at your office in an attempt to contact Agent Bradley and to procure all information in the possession

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of the office concerning this matter was inexcusable. He was extremely derelict in failing to immediately contact the supervisor handling the case when he was unable to reach Agent Bradley by telephone at his home upon learning that Agent Bradley was on compensatory leave. He most certainly should have consulted the supervisor for the information desired by the Customs Agents or at least for the supervisor's instructions concerning the next course of action to be followed by him.

Each of the foregoing Agents has been advised by separate letter of the Bureau's displeasure with the manner in which he handled his respective phase of this particular matter. In addition, you have a very definite responsibility in matters of this nature to insure the adequate supervision and handling of such cases in your office and such responsibility cannot be entirely delegated to subordinate employees but must be shared by you.

I want you to very definitely understand that I am not satisfied with the over-all administering and handling of this case by your office and trust that you will see to it that matters of this nature are afforded more careful attention in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. R. GLAVIN

DATE: 2/28/48

FROM : H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: JOHN J. BRADLEY,
MAURICE E. GOUNGE,
MANUEL M. LIODAS,
JOHN J. GANNY,
Special Agents
CARROLL BOYLE
Acting Supervisor
Los Angeles Office

R. B. Hood

RE: ALLEGED IMPROPER PERFORMANCE OF
DUTIES AND FAILURE TO COOPERATE
WITH UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

William Jennings Bryan, Jr., Collector of Customs, Los Angeles, California directed a communication to SAC Hood under date of 1/23/48 in which he referred to the seizure of a diamond weighing 28 carats, believed to have been smuggled into the United States by Carlos E. Pisanto and Mauricio Hassen. Mr. Bryan alleged that Bureau Agents were culpably negligent both in their failure to apprehend the subjects and in their failure with the Customs Office.

Pursuant to Assistant Director Nichols' instructions, ASAC J. C. Ellsworth personally interviewed Mr. Bryan, discussed the entire matter with him, called his attention to numerous factors involved, and informed him that the Bureau did not feel that his allegations were justified.

BACKGROUND

SAC Hood advised that at 8:15 p.m. on 12/8/47, Carl D. Lindstrom, a manufacturing jeweler and diamond dealer, with whom the Los Angeles Office had been in frequent contact, telephonically advised that the aforementioned individuals had recently arrived from Brazil and had in their possession a 23-carat flawless diamond which they were endeavoring to sell for \$75,000. Lindstrom felt that the diamond might have been stolen and, therefore, phoned the FBI Office, however, he did not want to embarrass the subjects in any way in the event they were legitimate. According to plans, Agent Manuel M. Liodas stationed himself in an adjoining room to Mr. Lindstrom's office where he overheard a conversation between the subjects and Mr. Lindstrom on the morning of 12/9/47. From fragments of the conversation, Agent Liodas ascertained that Hassen was the owner of the diamond, that he and Pisanto were Brazilians who had arrived in the United States through New York. There

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was a controversy as to whether the stone should have been declared and Hassen held that duty was unnecessary since it had been brought to the United States as a gift. Lindstrom felt that the stone should be declared before he would deal with Hassen and, therefore, instructed him to immediately take it to the Customs Office which was but two blocks away. Hassen agreed to this and left immediately with his associate.

ALLEGATIONS OF COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS BRYAN

ALLEGATION NO. 1: Mr. Bryan alleged that the subjects were permitted to leave Mr. Lindstrom's office without being questioned or detained by Agent Liodas.

REPLY: SAC Hood has advised that the subjects were permitted to leave Mr. Lindstrom's office without being questioned or detained by Agent Liodas. The subjects were permitted to do so primarily because the substance of their conversation with Mr. Lindstrom failed to reflect a matter over which the Bureau had jurisdiction. There still appeared to be a possibility that the men were legitimate and, as previously noted, Mr. Lindstrom, who was an extremely valuable and cooperative contact, had requested that nothing be done to embarrass him or the men if they were legitimate.

SAC Hood has also pointed out that the matter was originally assigned to Agent John J. Bradley by Acting Supervisor Carroll Doyle and that specific instructions were not given to Agent Bradley as to what to do since it was felt that Bradley was a sufficiently experienced Agent that he could act on his own initiative. Bradley requested Agent Liodas, because of his knowledge of Portuguese, to assist him at the jewelry shop. The foregoing utilization of Agent Liodas was not on Doyle's instructions but was subsequently approved by him. Before sending Liodas out Bradley requested Liodas to call him by phone and advise of any pertinent information observed in the jewelry shop. Liodas called Bradley as soon as the subjects left the jewelry shop and as soon as he could get free.

ALLEGATION NO. 2: Mr. Bryan claimed that Agents Bradley and Ganny had inquired at the Customs Office to determine if clearance had been effected on the diamond and did not impart the information to the proper Customs Officer.

REPLY: SAC Hood has explained that Agents Bradley and Ganny appeared at the Customs Office and contacted three different Customs employees, each of whom referred them to another employee. The last one referred them to Mr. Hanks whom they were unsuccessful in locating but while still endeavoring to do so, Agent Liodas appeared at the Customs Office, contacted the Agents and informed them of all of the circumstances of the case and advised that Mr. Lindstrom had assured him that he would immediately impart all of the necessary details in this

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matter to the Collector of Customs, Mr. Bryan, who was a personal friend of his, which was telephonically done on the afternoon of 12/9/47.

ALLEGATION NO. 3: Mr. Bryan further alleged that Customs Agents Leroy E. Powers and Louis H. Swinn appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the Bureau on 12/10/47 where they were informed by a receptionist that Agent Bradley was on compensatory leave and that a search of the indices failed to disclose a record of the aforementioned case in which they were interested. He claimed that his Agents were then referred to a Mr. Maurice E. Goudge (a Complaint Agent) who furnished them no information whatsoever. He added that his Agents then continued their investigation and on the following day, 12/11/47, they were able to locate the subjects and make a seizure of the diamond.

REPLY: SAC Hood advised that the aforementioned Customs Agents had appeared at the office as alleged and when informed by the receptionist that Agent Bradley was on compensatory leave they indicated that they were not satisfied and said they wanted information from the office files on the case. The indices of the office were then checked with negative results, inasmuch as a record had not as yet been made, and as a result the desired information was not reflected in the files. When this information was imparted to the Customs Agents they indicated that she was withholding information from them and said they wanted to see someone as they knew three men had been working on the case.

The receptionist then referred them to Agent Goudge, a complaint Agent, who also informed them that Agent Bradley was not available on that particular day and when Agent Goudge was asked whether the Bureau had three Agents working on the case he replied that he did not know. As previously indicated, the office appeared to have had no record of the developments in this matter and Agent Goudge had no personal knowledge of the matter. SAC Hood advised that Agent Goudge attempted to reach Agent Bradley at his home at this time but received no answer. He did not attempt to contact the Supervisor handling the particular matter on that date but waited until the following day when he advised both Supervisor Boyle and Agent Bradley of the inquiry made by the Customs Agents on the previous day.

In connection with the manner in which Agent Goudge handled this matter, SAC Hood has informed that standing instructions are in existence and have been repeated personally and in memorandum form many times that when Complaint Agents receive information requiring action they are to immediately advise the interested Supervisor.

ALLEGATION NO. 4: It was also alleged by Mr. Bryan that no information was received by the Customs Office from the Bureau until Agent Bradley telephoned and then called at the Customs Office about 3:00 p.m. on 12/11/47.

REPLY: As previously explained, the Agents made an unsuccessful effort to furnish the necessary information to the Customs Office on 12/9/47 and on the same day ascertained that Mr. Lindstrom had assured Agent Liodas that all information pertaining to this case would be immediately furnished by him to Mr. Bryan, the Collector of Customs, which, as previously stated, was done.

The SAC also stated that on 12/11/47 Agent Bradley appeared at the Customs Office where he explained the entire situation to Powers and Gwinn and stressed the fact that the original information received by the Bureau did not specifically indicate a Customs violation and the possibility existed that the ring was stolen and transported to Los Angeles. After relating all of the information to the Customs Agents, Agent Bradley advised that they then claimed that the Bureau possessed additional information and asked if the office did not have a jacketed file and index cards identifying the subjects. Agent Bradley pointed out to them that there had not been sufficient time to transcribe the information and make up index cards. Powers and Gwinn then asked for a written memorandum regarding the conversation which had been overheard by Agent Liodas and when they were informed that Agent Liodas was out of town on a special assignment they indicated that they did not believe it although they made no direct comment to that effect.

On 12/13/47 the Los Angeles Office received a letter from Melvin L. Hanks, Customs Agent Acting in Charge in Los Angeles, requesting the information developed by Agent Liodas in Mr. Lindstrom's office. The information was furnished by the Los Angeles Office to him by letter.

ALLEGATION NO. 5: Mr. Bryan then alleged that on several instances in the past Bureau Agents had dealt with subordinate employees of his office in seeking information rather than requesting such information from administrative heads who were vested with the discretionary power to release such information.

REPLY: It was pointed out to Mr. Bryan by ASAC Ellsworth that his own Agents had been guilty of such a practice in the case in question and if they had specifically requested to see the Supervisor who might handle such a case, the SAC or the ASAC, the entire matter would have been promptly settled.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF SAC HOOD

SAC Hood advised that the Los Angeles Office has maintained friendly relations with Mr. Bryan and his staff and on this particular occasion he was very cordial with ASAC Ellsworth. Mr. Bryan related that little matters keep piling up in any organization and he felt that it would be wise to get his thoughts in the records and he would expect the Bureau to do the same thing if there was any lack of cooperation on the part of his staff. ASAC Ellsworth informed Mr. Bryan that the Bureau did not feel that his allegations in this particular case were justified.

Mr. Bryan was informed that the Bureau did not like the inference on the part of Customs Agents Powers and Gwinn that they did not believe our employees were telling the truth or were trying to hide information from them. Mr. Bryan said that he felt that the Bureau should turn its investigative files over to their Agents as they do when the FBI Agents seek information in their possession. He was informed that this was not possible since some of our files reflect the names of Confidential Informants whose identities cannot be revealed. Mr. Bryan understood this and expressed his desire to maintain the friendliest of cooperation with the Los Angeles Office.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SAC HOOD

SAC Hood has advised that in view of the unavailability of Agent Bradley at the particular time an attempt was made to contact him by Agent Goudge, that thereafter Agent Goudge should have immediately taken the matter up with Acting Supervisor Doyle, which he did not do until the following day.

With regard to the initial steps taken in this matter of covering the meeting between the Jeweler and the two suspects, SAC Hood has expressed the belief that this action was justified since there was a possible violation over which the Bureau had jurisdiction and particularly in view of the extremely valuable and cooperative relationship existing between the Field Division and the Jeweler.

He also pointed out that Agent Lieder was not subject to criticism for failing to maintain a surveillance of the suspects after they left the jewelry shop since this Agent, in compliance with instructions received from Agent Bradley, had immediately telephonically contacted Agent Bradley advising him of the developments at the jewelry shop. At that point, particularly since there appeared to no longer be any Bureau interest in the matter, it was Agent Bradley's responsibility to have immediately reported the information telephonically to the appropriate Customs Official or, at least, to have immediately discussed the matter further with Acting Supervisor Doyle, both of which he failed to do.

In SAC Hood's opinion, Acting Supervisor Doyle was in no way involved inasmuch as he had assigned the case to an experienced Agent and the SAC did not think it should be necessary to sit down with an experienced Agent, particularly in a matter of this nature, and inform him what to do step by step.

PERMANENT BRIEFS OF THE FILES OF AGENTS BRADLEY, GOUDGE AND DOYLE ARE ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Re: Special Agent John J. Bradley: As SAC Hood has pointed out, the case in this instance was assigned by Supervisor Doyle to Agent Bradley and it was Bradley's responsibility to see that appropriate action was taken and if any question arose, to immediately discuss the matter further with his Supervisor. It is, therefore, felt that this Agent, upon receipt of the phone call from Agent Liodas, should have immediately telephonically imparted all of the information developed to the appropriate Customs Official. In view of Agent Bradley's improper handling of this matter, it is recommended that a letter of censure be directed to him.

(2) Re: Special Agent Maurice E. Goudge: As you will recall, this Agent was receiving complaints on the day that Customs Agents Powers and Gwian appeared at the Los Angeles Office and interviewed them after they had been referred to him by the receptionist. In view of their intense concern in this matter, it is felt that Agent Goudge should have made a more strenuous effort to contact Agent Bradley who was on compensatory leave on that particular day. When this Agent was unsuccessful in his effort to contact Agent Bradley, he was derelict in not immediately contacting Acting Supervisor Doyle. SAC Hood has advised that there are long-standing office instructions to the effect that Supervisors should always be contacted by Complaint Agents when inquiries are received in matters that require immediate action.

In view of Agent Goudge's dereliction in this instance, it is recommended that a severe letter of censure be directed to him.

(3) Re: Acting Supervisor Carroll Doyle: Although SAC Hood feels that Acting Supervisor Doyle was in no way involved in the mis-handling of this matter, it is still felt that he is subject to criticism. It is noted that he assigned the complaint to Agent Bradley but did not issue any specific instructions as to what should be done. He subsequently approved the action taken by Agent Bradley in having a Portuguese-speaking Agent cover the Jeweler's meeting with the suspects, but thereafter, did not closely follow the matter to determine what other steps should be taken but apparently left this responsibility to rest completely with Agent Bradley.

It is felt that he should have issued more specific instructions in this instance and should have followed the matter more closely. It is therefore, recommended that a letter of censure be directed to him for his failure to properly carry out his responsibilities as Acting Supervisor in this particular case.

(4) Re: SAC Hood: In view of the improper manner in which this entire matter was handled in the Los Angeles Division, it is also recommended that a letter of censure be directed to SAC Hood.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: R. B. HOOD
SAC, Los Angeles

DATE 5/4/48

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Further reference is made to the telegram which was sent to the Director on the early morning of Sunday, May 2, 1948, which was signed "Deputy Sheriff" and alleged that SAC Hood while in attendance at the Sheriffs Convention at Santa Barbara, California in March 1948 had gotten drunk, made love to the Deputy Sheriff's wife and was involved in an automobile accident in returning to his headquarters city. I called SAC Hood and advised him of the receipt of this telegram and requested that he check to determine who had sent it.

SAC Hood advised it was learned that the telegram in question was called in from a pay booth at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles and when the caller requested the message be signed "Deputy Sheriff" the Western Union Company insisted on a name, whereupon the caller identified himself as Joe Washington, a patron of the Biltmore Hotel. He gave as his home address 186 Lucas Street, Santa Barbara, California.

A check of the records at the Biltmore Hotel showed that there was no one registered by the name of Joe Washington. A check at Santa Barbara, California reflects that there is no such street as Lucas Street and no Deputy Sheriff employed there by the name of Joe Washington.

Mr. Hood was quite concerned over the contents of this telegram and again reiterated that his conduct while at the Sheriffs Convention was exemplary, that he most certainly was not drunk, that he very definitely did not make love to anyone at the Convention and he again stated he was not involved in any automobile accident. Mr. Hood said he was submitting a complete memorandum concerning this entire matter. Mr. Hood said he had no idea who might have been responsible for sending the telegram in question to the Director.

The foregoing is submitted for your information and it is recommended that no further action be taken with respect to the anonymous telegram received by the Director.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director

March 8, 1948

From: Clyde Tolson

I have reviewed the attached report concerning the mishandling of a situation in the Los Angeles Field Division in connection with a diamond matter in which our cooperation was requested by the United States Customs Service.

In view of the past excellent records of the Agents involved I believe that the letters of censure sent to them are sufficient under the circumstances. I do feel that Special Agent Carroll Doyle, who was sent a strong letter of censure, should not be utilized as a substitute supervisor and I have prepared the attached letter to Mr. Hood along this line.

In connection with this matter, it will be interesting to note whether SAC Hood, in submitting the annual efficiency ratings on employees at the end of March, rates these Agents as EXCELLENT as he has done in the past. A rating below excellent would preclude their being considered for promotion to Grade CAF 13 which in the case of a field investigator requires 10 years of service in the Bureau with the last 3 years of service resulting in efficiency ratings not below excellent.

A check will be made to determine whether Mr. Hood continues these Agents in an Excellent status in view of their censure for mishandling this particular matter.

Mr. Hoover's notation: "OK"

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SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

ALBERT MORTON GROSS
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
(GREECE-TURKEY AID BILL)
Your File 77-2171

The Bureau desires to call attention to several delinquencies in connection with the manner in which this case was handled by your office.

In the first instance, the dead line established by the Bureau was not met. The Bureau instructed that reports reach the Bureau by February 15, 1948. The investigation was not even initiated by your office until February 14th.

Secondly, the report was so carelessly prepared that it was necessary to completely re-write it. The synopsis is inconsistent with the details. The identity of informants CD-7 and CD-22 is obvious to even the most casual reader. Much of the information attributed to these informants is unintelligible. The report generally is unorganized, lacks coherence and contains extraneous information of no value to the investigation.

In order for the Bureau to fulfil its obligations under the Greece-Turkey Aid Bill, it is imperative that the established dead lines be met in each instance and that the reports be written with such care as to obviate the necessity for re-writing them at the Bureau.

It is desired that those cases be afforded the necessary supervision to insure compliance with Bureau instructions.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Hoover's notation:

"While I have signed letters of
censure, is that all that is going
to be done. It seems to me we
ought not brush it off so lightly.
All are at office of preference &
will no doubt get usual increases
for Hood will probably continue to
rate them as Excellent." H.

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(5) Re: Agents Manuel M. Liodas and John J. Canny: It is not recommended that any action be taken with regard to Agents Liodas and Canny.

/s/ H. L. Edwards

Attachments

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cc - Los Angeles Field Division Office Personnel File
SAC Hood's Personnel File.

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May 4, 1948

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Mr. Richard B. Hood
Federal Bureau of Investigation
900 Security Building
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Hood:

I had the pleasure Friday afternoon of seeing "The Street With No Name."
I was very much pleased with the final results.

I realize how trying the production of such a picture is and the Agents who worked on it have informed me in detail of the sympathetic interest that you took in the picture and the fine cooperation your associates and you in the Los Angeles Office extended in the production. I did want you to know how much I appreciate your interest and through you to extend my commendation for the efforts of your associates who participated in making the picture the success which it is.

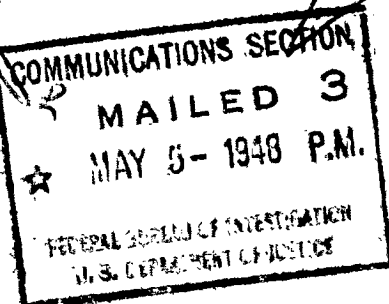
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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 5/3/48

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS TELEGRAM FROM LOS ANGELES
DATED May 1, 1948

(R. B. Hood)

With reference to the attached teletype to the Director dated May 1, 1948 at 4:49 a.m. to the effect that the Chief (apparently meaning SAC) got exceedingly drunk at the Sheriffs Convention, Santa Barbara, California, causing embarrassment while attempting to make love to a deputy's wife, damaging an automobile on returning to Los Angeles, I spoke to SAC Hood about this this morning. It is noted the telegram is dated May 1. However it was received in the Teletype Unit on May 2, 1948 at 4:56 a.m., which would indicate that it was sent early Sunday morning, May 2, 1948. It is signed simply "Deputy Sheriff."

Mr. Hood stated that the Sheriffs Convention was held in Santa Barbara in March 1948 and that he along with SACs Kimball and Murphy attended. Mr. Hood said he most certainly was not drunk and neither were SACs Murphy and Kimball. Mr. Hood said he returned from the Convention to Los Angeles with some people on Saturday afternoon after the Convention was over and that the car in which he was riding was not involved in any accident. He said he has not heard of any accident in which SAC Murphy's car was involved and he believes that SAC Murphy returned to San Diego with Sheriff Hank Adams from San Diego.

Mr. Hood was informed that he should make an immediate effort to ascertain who was responsible for sending the telegram to the Director. Mr. Hood will keep me advised of any further developments.

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